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# FACTS ABOUT MOUND BAYOU

## THRIVING NEGRO TOWN OF STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## GOOD BUSINESS AND FARMING CENTER

### Isaiah T. Montgomery Its First Mayor—Fine School System and Reputable Bank—Church, and Numerous Business.

The tract of land in which Mound Bayou city is situated was granted to a railroad company by the Legislature of Mississippi in 1886.

The company desired to profit by the timber, first, on the several thousand acres, and afterwards by the products of the soil by hauling. In view of this, it was considered a good plan to dividethe tract into farms, and to let the Negroes buy them on long-time contracts.

Isaiah T. Montgomery, of Vicksburg, was consulted. It was decided that the district would not only be a desirable place for farms, but for a Negro colony as well.

In 1888 Mr. Montgomery and Benjamin T. Green started on what was to become the city of Mound Bayou. It took its name after a small bayou traversing the section.

Montgomery and Green acted together until 1892, when they dissolved partnership and conducted their business separately. Judicious and persisten advertising brought quite a number of colored people, who cast their lots with the new venture.

Green was shot in 1896, after which his business was conducted by his wife until her marriage with John W. Francis, who has conducted it ever since.

Isaiah T. Montgomery was the first mayor; he was succeeded by A. P. Hood. John W. Cobb followed him, then B. H. Creswell. Cobb died when in office. Creswell is filling out his unexpired term.

Mound Bayou is in Bolivar county, which is among the most fertile portions of the State; it is 104 miles south of Memphis and 116 miles north of Vicksburg, on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad.

Cotton and corn are the principal products. For productivity of those products the soil is said not to be surpassed anywhere. The community is essentially agricultural. Clearing the land is under way. Farmers put in their spare time hauling lumber, crossties, staves, etc., to the station.

In the city proper the Negroes are engaged in all of the kinds of business incident to such communities. A $6,000 Munger System Gin is one of the latest acquirements.

The Bank of Mound Bayou is known throughout the land by Negroes. It has just completed a handsome brick building costing about $4,000; it is capitalized at $10,000. The well-known Charles Banks is cashier; he is prominent in the Negro Men's Business League. John W. Francis is president; Isaiah T. Montgomery, vice-president.

The Bank of Mound Bayou was organized in 1904; $6,500 of its capital stock is paid up. It is said that a dividend of 25 per cent. will be declared as the result of the business in the last twelve months. It is said that the books of no mank are kept neater or more regular. Banks is given credit for this work, and who is the working head of the institution.

The Bank of Mound Bayou has $30,000 on deposit. All of the stock is owned by Negroes; all money deposited belongs to Negroes.

One paper, a weekly, The Demonstrator, is published in Mound Bayou. The paper is a credit to the State. Job work is done in connection with this publication.

Several gin plants, a grist and shingle mill, a blacksmith shop, cotton brokers, real estate dealers, timber men, a bakery, meat markets, groceries are of the business interests.

W. T. Montgomery and M. B. Lewis are postmaster and assistant, respectively. J. P. T. Montgomery is a lawyer and J. H. Roby is M. D.

The officers of the town are mayor, marshal, treasurer and aldermen. A deputy sheriff is commissioned. Has no bonded indebtedness.

The town boasts of its school system; says it is the best in the State according to size. D. L. McDonald is in charge of the publis school. The Mount Bayou Baptist College is here, in charge of R. McCorkle; also the Mound Bayou Normal and Industrial Institute, in charge of B. F. Ousley.

Baptist, Methodist, Campbellite and Christian churches are the religious denominations. The A. M. E. Church, Dr. C. S. Bowan, pastor; in charge of A. M. E. Zion Church, Rev. S. M. Morgan; the Christian Church, Rev. G. W. Porter, pastor; the Baptist Church, Rev. A. Cosey, pastor.

## SEKITAN, OHIO.

Special to The Freeman.

The Easter program given at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening, at 2:30 o'clock, was quite a success....The program of the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church, Sunday evening, was well attended....Usual services were conducted at the A. M. E. Church Sunday. Rev. J. H. Books took for his subject "The Resurrection of Christ."....Mrs. Eva Green, of Center street, left Sunday morning for a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Lucinda Fitzpatrick, of Somerset, Ky...Bennie Kyle, the noted musician, has been preparing to do dry cleaning and pressing work aside from his engagements...Leave your orders for The Freeman at J. W. Gaines' cafe....Mrs. Eva Riddle, of Cincinnati avenue, entertained at dinner Saturday evening in honor of her brother, Ike Grubbs, Miss Bessie Rinna, of Covington, Ky., and Miss Rachel Peterson, of Cummingsville, Ohio. Several piano selections were played by Ralph Grubbs, accompanied by his sister with vocal solos. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers....Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan, of Hopkinsville, entertained at dinner Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Mrs. Dick Wilson, of Delphi....Mr. and Mrs. William Austin, of High street, were visited by the stork April 7, which left them a fine Easter present, a bouncing baby....Rev. S. D. Saunders, D. D., preached two well-prepared sermons Sunday. In the morning he took for his subject Matthew, 28th chapter, "He is not here." Sunday evening his subject was Mark, 16th chapter, 5th verse, "His power go ye."....Mrs. Ida P. Hicks has been on the sick list....Mrs. Bessie Whitson attended services at the Baptist Church at Delphi, Sunday....John Thompson, of Hopkinsville, was the guest of Miss Virgie Robinson, of Lawrenceburg, over Sunday....Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brannon entertained at a 2 o'colck Easter dinner Sunday for Mrs. Crumpton and daughter, Mrs. Sallie Hancock, of 3333 Prospect street, Indianapolis, Ind....Those on the sick list are R. Neal, Samuel Cowin and William Anderson, deputy marshal. All are reported doing nicely....Mr. and Mrs. William Curry gave an Easter egg coloring at their home Friday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fleetwood Linsey, of Hopkinsville, Mrs. Edna Gaines, Miss Mary Harris and Mrs. Edith Thomas....S. D. Watkins, of High street, is at work preparing gardening. Mr. Watkins conducts a barber shop and shoe repairing establishment....Grandma Hawkins, of High street, who some time ago was attacked with a stroke of paralysis, is improving nicely....Mr. and Mrs. Mose Porter have taken charge of and are now conducting the restaurant formerly conducted by Miss Ida Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have been in business for some time, and are well acquainted... Leave your order for The Freeman at S. H. Pillon's cash grocery, and get all of the race news....Mrs. Gertrude Benson, of Hopkinsville, proprietor of a boarding house in that vicinity, will leave in a short time for a trip which will extend over several weeks....The B. Y. P. U. will render the following program Sunday evening, at 7:30: Bible reading by entire league; essay by Mrs. Van Higgins, subject, "A Christian's Duty;" a duet by Mrs. Pearl Motten and Miss Ollie Mitchell, subject "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm;" essay, N. C. Hawkins, subject "The Use of Good Literature in the Home." "Backsliding, and the Cause of It" will be the general topic. All are invited to attend and take part in the exercises....Mrs. Jack Harris, of High street, who was brought from the hospital some time ag, is much improved, and is expected to be able to be out again soon....The ladies of the Mission Board of the C. M. E. Church will be entertained Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Payne. After the general routine of business, a program will be rendered. A paper will be read by Mrs. Mollie Ragland and Mrs. Mosie Smith and Mrs. M. E. Payne. After the program the ladies will be served at a delightful menu. Mrs. M. E. Payne will act as hostess. Next meeting at Mrs. Williams Evans, in Hopkinsville.

## DALLAS, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Jake Robinson is ill at her South Dalas home...Hon. W. A. Ricketts, of Fort Worth, is a constant visitor here since his wife was operated on at the Bluitt Sanitarium, who is now stopping at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fullbright, 734 Cochren street. Mrs. Rickett is slowly improving...To those who have business and wish to reach the people, see Griffin, The Freman agent, at 190 Main street, every day in the week... The Royal Dress and Millinery Parlors, at 638 1-2 Elm street, opened to the patrons of the city and entertained in grand style over 200 guests Wednesday night. Miss LeRoy is proprietor...Mrs. J. H. Hefin received and entertained Thursday evening from 8 to 12 at 598 Cochran street. Those present enjoyed the various games and refreshments...State Grand Chancellor A. N. Prince, of Sherman, Tex., will pay al the brave men of the six lodges his annual visit on Monday night, April 19, at Pythian Temple, 566 Main street. As we have several grand lodge officers in the city a lively session is expected. Each Financial Knight and each Master of Finance is expected to present his system of keeping the records of their respective lodges and accounts, etc. Each member of the Uniform Cos. Nos. 4 and 5 are requested to appear in uniform on the 19th to serve as a special escort to the State Grand Chancellor A. N. Prince...Captains Jno. L. Jones and J. G. Griffin and members were made into the Knight Templars Thursday night at the Masonic Hall, corner Fairmount and Juliett streets... Eighteen candidates will be iniated into the G. U. O. O. F. the fourth Tuesday night...Mrs. Lee Record won the first prize at the mask entertainment given by Mt. Horeb Tabarion Order last Monday night over more than 100 competitors at the B. T. B. of K. Hall on North Central avenue...At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter and Mr. and Mrs. James Crittendon Thursday evening they received in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goggin, who were recently married...Mrs. Lenna Bailey, deputy state district organizer in the Courts of Calontha, has set up and started to work one more Court, which will be known as Maple Leaf Court. It has some very promising members and they will be heard from on all questions of the order soon...Mr. James Overstreet, one of the veteran knights of the steel, has remodeled his place at 397 Jackson street, and invites you one and all to come... There is some talk of a competitive drill between Odd Fellows and Palaton Guards, Knights Templahs Uniform Co. of K. of P. and the 32 degree drill team of Crystal Palace...The mother of Misses Georgia and Nannie Taylor, accompanied by her son, J. W. Taylor, spent a week here visiting them on Main street...Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams have purchased a beautiful home on Allen street near Flora...Dr. Bluitt and associates were kept busy looking after their many patients last wee.

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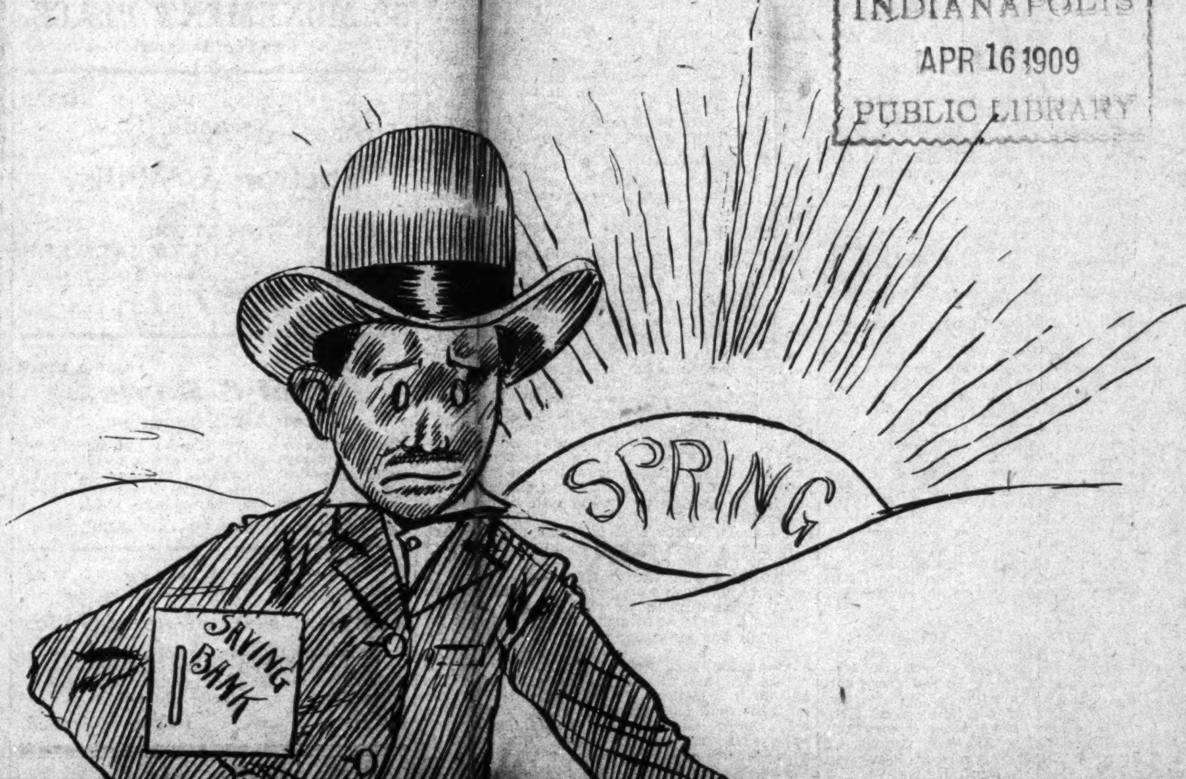

I Don't Intend to be "From Hand to Mouth" Next Winter.

## MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to The Freeman.

The Sunday Forum met last Sunday at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church. There were quite a number present. A fine program was rendered. Topics of interest were talked upon in general....Harry Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harper, on Chicago avenue, left the city last Sunday evening for Evanston, Ill., where he will live with his sister, Mrs. J. R. Auter. Many friends will miss Mr. Harper....The band boys will give a grand ball at K. P. Hall, Monday evening, April 19. Music by Mrs. Nelly McCullough's full orchestra. An extra addition of music will be given by the great Excelsior Band, which will put on that "dreamy rag," successor to the "loving rag." Committee of arrangements: C. C. Minor, R. Glenn, A. Bradly. Floor manager, Master G. Johnson. Admission, 25 cents....The funeral of Mrs. F. P. Preston was held Friday of last week, at 2:30 p. m., at Bethesda Baptist Church. Rev. Carter, of St. Paul, preached the funeral. Mrs. Preston was an old resident of this city, and quite a worker in the Bethesda Church, also a member of its choir. She was not sick very long, and her death was quite a shock to her many friends. She leaves a husband and four children. She spent her younger days in Indianapolis, Ind....The Excelsior Band is making great preparations for its turnout on Decoration day. Two new members have been added to the band, Earl Ihler, snare drum player, and Frank Wheaton, trombone player....The social which was held at J. Goodbar's house last Friday, in behalf of the True Reformers' Lodge, was attended by quite a few. Any one having a ticket was entitled to draw on a beautiful oil painting. The lucky one was Miss V. Lee...Gipsy Smith, the great evangelist, is holding meetings in this city. Many of our people are attending. ....Mrs. Ruth B. Ridges spoke at the Baptist Church last Sunday before a very large audience, her subject being "The Resurrection." Special music was had, under the direction of W. E. Jeffrey....Do not forget that The Freeman can be secured in this city from James Wilson each week.

## ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to The Freeman.

Pilgrim Commandery No. 22, Knight Templars, held their Easter services at St. James A. M. E. Church on Easter Sunday...Mr. Walter Hickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hickman, died on April 19. ...Mrs. Maymie Lobbins has been employed by the Schultz Millinery Co. at a very good salary...Madame Addie Minor left the last of the week to give a recital in the A. M. E. Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Madame Minor is a soprano soloist of rare ability...Easter Sunday was gala day at Pilgrim Baptist Church. The new $2,200 pipe organ was dedicated. The choir under the directorship of Madame Minor rendered selections from Hayden's Third Mass. There were solos rendered by Miss Hattie Loomis, Mr. J. A. White and Mr. Earl Walker. Mr. Allen French, Jr., and Master Henley also rendered a splendid duet. Mrs. S. E. Hall presided at the pipe organ. Mrs. Hall holds the distinction of being the first Afro-American to play a pipe organ owned by our own people in the state of Minnesota. The seating capacity of the auditorium was over-taxed and the pastor's study and the primary department in the rear was also crowded.... Mrs. Mae Myrtle Williams has returned from a tour through Arkansas...The choir of St. James A. M. E. Church gave a concert at Fort Snelling on last Wednesday evening...The State Insurance Commissioner requested that the treasurer of the Cosmopolitan Mutual Casualty Company furnish a bond, and the officers immediately sent in their application to several responsible bonding companies, but they were turned down in each particular case seemingly for no other reason than race prejudice, for the applicants were qualified in every respect. The members of the board of directors came to their rescue and gave a sufficient personal bond, which proved satisfactory to the state. The "Cosmopolitan" is a product of the brain and energy of Afro-Americans, with the home office in St. Paul. The management is endeavoring to solve the race problem by the system of self-help...Mr. John Vincent died at his home on Wabasha street on Saturday, April 10.

## CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to The Freeman.

Madame Anita Brown will sing at St. Peter's, Monday night, under the auspices of the Court of Calanthe...Revival closed at St. Peter's with fifty-eight conversions. ....Charlie Watson, of Nashville, spent Sunday in the city....Mrs. Nichols, of Nashville, mother of Mrs. Boone, was in the city Sunday....Dr. M. E. Coleman was in Nashville last week at the bedside of her sick father....Mrs. S. Jefferson has been quite ill, but is much better....Little Dudley Shelton underwent an operation at the Colored Infirmary, Tuesday, April 13. ....Zenobia Dunlap, Andrew Dunlap's granddaughter, died at her home, on Russellville pike, Monday evening, April 12. ....Mrs. Starkey, mother of Jim Starkey, died at his residence, on College street, Saturday night, April 10. Interment at Green Hill Cemetery....Dr. Hall, of Chicago, is in the city assisting Dr. Burt at the Infirmary....The Executive Board met at Mt. Olive last week....Mrs. V. W. Braughton, State Missionary, was in the city several days attending the meeting of the Executive Board....There was an excellent program rendered at Fifth Ward Baptist Church, April 15, under the auspices of the High School senior class, for the benefit of Roger Williams University. Mistress of ceremonies, Miss E. B. Kaye.

## PEORIA, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. B. N. Murrell returned from a visit which extended through Missouri, Iowa and Kansas. He had a very pleasant trip, and feels benefited by the rest....Miss Anna Rhodes is making preparations for a May festival to be given the 1st of May for Mount Zion Literary Society....Mrs. M. J. Russel, mother of Mrs. Chavis, of Fry avenue, is indisposed....G. H. Ellis, who has been quarantined at his home on Gale avenue with a light attack of varioloid, is well, and will be out to-day.... Thomas Boone will be released from the detention hospital Saturday, having fully recovered from smallpox....Miss Wana Boone has been very ill with pneumonia, but is much improved at this writing.... Mr. and Mrs. E. Burris, of Seventh avenue, entertain Howard Burris, of Rock Island, Sunday....That the citizens of Peoria believe "there is always room for one more" is proven by the cordial welcome given Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Hendricks. Dr. Hendricks lately located here, and has already a number of warm friends, and is building up a good practice....Those who attended the reception at the residence of Mrs. W. S. Conway to meet Mrs. Hendricks pronounce it a delightful affair.

## FLINT, MICH.

Special to The Freeman.

Death has visited our ranks and claimed Mrs. Louisa Bailey, after a protracted and trying illness, throughout which she bore herself uncomplainingly and with Christian fortitude. She had been an active and consistent member of the A. M. E. Church for thirty-four years. She leaves her husband, three daughters, two sons, her father, three brothers and one sister. She was a member of the Thursday Club, which attended the funeral in a body.... The A. M. E. Church was tastefully decorated with palms and flowers for Easter, and the program, under the direction of Miss Flora Lawrence, was fine. The little ones did credit to themselves. The solos by Neta Howard and little Leola Burch, Inez Kersey, and the duet by Valerya Linney and Katheleen Johnson, merit special mention....Miss Peal Grinage and her grandmother, Mrs. S. Henderson, or Sarnia, Ont., are guests of Mrs. Harry Owns for a few days....Mrs. George Medlock, of South Bend, is visiting Mrs. A. A. Linney a few days....Miss Ida Allen, of Howell, and Mr. J. Dumbar, of Holly, attended the funeral of Mrs. Louisa Bailey. ....The Thursday Club gave a dinner at the G. A. R. Hall, April 5, and cleared $39.80 to add to the building fund of the A. M. E. Church.

## BOONVILLE, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

V. Prim went to the city last Saturday. ....The following were in Evansville last Sunday: John Phines, Jr., B. Martin, Harold Portez, E. Taylor, Robert Belay, Jasper Littlepage, V. Smith, Noble Phines, T. Hopkins, Clarence Bronston, S. Marshall, Misses C. McCray, L. Belay and Clodia Brashears....Rev. T. P. Smith, evangelist, preached at the Baptist Church Sunday....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brashears and Mrs. Belle Cunningham went to Stevenson Sunday....Rev. L. B. Ratcliff was in Boonville Sunday....James Robinson and family will move to Chicago in the near future....Rev. I. F. White will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday... Grandma Douglass in on the sick list.

# SHOULD SUPPORT THE PRESS

## ALL NEGROES SHOULD GIVE HEARTY ASSISTANCE

## TO ALL WORTHY RACE PUBLICATIONS

### Many Obstacles for Negro Editors—Contributes to the Best Interests of Our People—Teach Children to Read Race Papers.

Since his emancipation, many and varied have been the lines along which the American Negro has both faithfully wrought and wonderfully achieved. Despite the almost numberless plans, legislative and otherwise, devised and executed against his progress as a man and citizen, he nevertheless has steadily, persistently, sublimely made good. He has acquired property, built schools and churches, reduced his illiteracy, written books, edited magazines and papers, and elevated his moral and religious life—all in such proportions as at once compel praise and admiration at the hands of the profundest cholars and statesmen of the white race, and, what is more, serve as undying inspiration to the succeeding generations of his own. Forty years of freedom for the Negro, with results of his own achieving as astonishing as they are grand, have convinced the American people that the black man, because of his amazing industry and thrift, and his ever-widening intelligence, is severely a factor in any accurate computation of this country's destiny.

And what are the more important forces which during these forty-odd years of the freedman's sacrifice and trial have never for a single instant failed him? Briefly put, and aside from his own native ability, which is probably superior to that of any other people, to bear the burden in the heat of the day, they are these: The kindly philosophy of the Northern people, the never-failing good will and ready assistance lent him by the better classes of the Southern white people, his own educated ministry, consecrated leadership from within, such as that of the eloquent Douglass, or the sagacious Washington, and last, yet perchance first, a seldom hysterical but ever-fearless and conservative Negro press.

The Negro editor, born in poverty and schooled in adversity, has ever been hampered and hedged about with financial and other difficulties peculiarly his own. Hard indeed has it been for him to secure merited financial support; cold and unsympathetic the public whom he has so generously served; yet, despite all, he has held fast to the horns of the altar, as it were, and through thick and thin of a grim and relentless opposition, over which no courage but his could have prevailed, has fought the battles of the race with such zeal and at times with such personal sacrifice and even suffering as ison his part, although little to the credit of a large number of our people who have thoughtlessly withheld their support, a thing far more than praiseworthy, if not altogether sublime to contemplate.

Alarmingly few of our educated people know much about the difficulties with which the Negro press of this country has even at this late day to contend, and still less can they conceive the almost unthinkable influence for good it has always exerted and is now increasingly exerting in behalf of a constantly improving moral, social, economic and spiritual life of the Negro race.

Important as are many other forces contributing to the race's progress, few, if any, of them could have been brought to bear with such telling effect as they have been if it had not been through the agency of race newspapers and magazines. With the colored people, as with the white people, the most effective if not the only practicable way of enlisting the attention and securing the support of the public in furtherance of any worthy cause is in these times almost exclusively through the press, and as to the Negro race, still more exclusively through its own press; for, unfortunately for the black man, the white press of this country, unintentionally or not, rarely gives space for anything concerning him, except on all too frequently overdrawn description of his bad qualities. His good traits, his increasing intelligence, his steady, persistent improvement along all lines that indicate that he is fast and unavoidably appropriating the genius of American civilization, it leaves severely to the eloquent pen of the Negro editor; so that it has been and is yet well nigh impossible for any reader of current news to get even a faint idea of what ten millions of the republic's citizens are driving at, unless it be through the columns of our Negro papers.

Thus it ill becomes a great number of our educated men and women, who yearly subscribe to probably three or four white newspapers and magazines, without even reading, to say nothing of subscribing to, and doing all in their power to encourage and support colored papers and magazines, through the columns of which alone can come that information as to the multiform efforts and splendid achievements of the people of our race which is at present so much needed to inspire and encourage the youth. Let us at once away with this wanton indifference to our own best interests; and let the teachers and preachers, doctors and lawyers, mechanics and farmers, the men and the women, all awake to the sense of a real and bounden duty we owe to a set of as loyal and fearless editors as the sun ever shone upon—a duty to subscribe to and read, and see that our children read, the papers and magazines which these editors publish, and that more frequently to our own well-being than to their personal gain. **James T. Phillips.**

## ZANESVILLE, O.

Special to The Freeman.

Robert Granger, after seven years at the Hotel Rogge, this city, has accepted a position as head waiter at the Hotel Warden, Newark, Ohio.

## THE FREEMAN AT LOUISVILLE.

Blue Grass Restaurant, 117 W. Walnut street; 423 S. Ninth street; 430 Fifth street; 726 W. Walnut.

# Old World News.

### From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. Elmer Spyglass, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, who has been singing in the principal cities of Europe during the past two years, paid London a visit a few days ago, en route to Holland, where he is engaged to sing during the spring.

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The Princess Christian Mission Hospital at Sierra Leone, West Africa, has been accidentally burned to the ground. There was no loss of life, the inpatients being safely removed. The damage is estimated at over $10,000. The mayor has opened a relief fund.

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News just comes from Berlin telling of the death of Miss Ella Thomas, a young colored girl who had been studying music in Berlin for the past four years. Miss Thomas had been wonderfully successful in Berlin, and was to have finished in June of this year. Her father, Mr. James C. Thomas, the prominent New York undertaker, came to Berlin some time ago, as soon as he learned of his daughter's illness. Everything possible was done to save her life, and an effort was made to take Miss Thomas back home, but she died at sea the third day out from Genoa, Italy.

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The wretched weather prevailing over here during the past two months has caused much sickness. News has just come of the illness of Madam Hackley, our well-known singer, who has been in Europe for some months. Mrs. Hackley, during her stay here, has sung for some of the most exclusive clubs and societies in England. She has also taught for some weeks at Taymbee Hall. Just before her illness Mrs. Hackley had been engaged to sing in the "Messiah." At present she is under the care of Doctors MacDonald and Maxwell, two of England's most noted specialists, and they have advised her to return to America as soon as she is well enough to stand the trip.

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The latest criminal statistics of London show an alarming state of affairs. During the past year 12,281 persons were tried for serious offenses. Of these, 10,379 were convicted, 1,886 acquitted and 33 cent to criminal lunatic asylums. Of those convicted, 7,096 had previous convictions recorded against them—a higher proportion than in any of the fourteen previous years.

Curious side-lights upon modern life are thrown by the statements in the report: (1) that 24 children were sent to reformatory schools for robbing penny-in-the-slot meters; (2) that while the Royal Commission on the Metropolitan Police was sitting, fewer persons were arrested for offenses against public order, because the police were "in a condition of uncertainty as to the extent of their duties." Of 493 persons received into inebriate reformatories, 428 were women.

In the report very little change is to be noted in the nature of the sentences imposed by the superior criminal courts. A slight increase is reported in the proportion of sentences of penal servitude, and a corresponding falling-off in sentences of imprisonment. There was a marked rise in the proportion of offenders released under recognizances. Of the 10,379 persons convicted at quarter sessions, 7,096 had been convicted before. Courts of summary jurisdiction dealt with 734,356 cases, and in 597,023 convictions were obtained, while 129,057 persons were discharged, and 3,273 sent to industrial schools.

During the year 51 applications for extradiction were received from foreign governments, including 8 from France and 22 from Germany. In 30 cases the accused person was extradited. The applications by the English government numbered 15, of which 4 were addressed to France and 5 to the United States.

## AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

### What the People of Consequence Are Doing and Saying.

Special by Thompson's Iational News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Mr. Emmett J. Scott, the newly appointed Commissioner to the Liberian Republic, is in the city and is holding down an elegant mahogany desk in the sacred precincts of the Department of State. His commissioin dates from March 17, and he will serve until the work for which he has been appointed shall have been completed. The time for sailing for Monrovia has not yet been set, but a conference with the authroities of the State Department is to be held as soon as Mr. W. Morgan Schuster, the second member of the commission, arrives from the Philippine Islands. The latter sailed from Manila January 26 for New York, via the Suez Canal and Europe. The declination of Mr. Robert C. Ogden will make it necessary to find another man, and the field is now being canvassed to that end. It goes without the saying that the selection will be made with great care. The appointment of Mr. Scott gives infinite satisfaction to the substantial colored people of the country. He is exceptionally fitted for the delicate mission beofre him by reason of his long experience as executive secretary at Tuskegee Institute, handling the large affairs of that immense enterprise in a large way, and dealing day by day with men who hold the destinies of nations within their grasp. Mr. Scott is a born diplomat, is in close touch with the needs of the Negro people, and is an indefatigable worker at everything he undertakes. Having been intimately identified with the labors of the Liberian envoys who visited this country last year, Mr. Scott thoroughly understands the situation and can be depended upon to do what is best for both this country and the little Republic across the sea. It may be mentioned in passing that Mr. Scott is the first colored man to receive an appointment at the hands of President Taft. If this is an earnest of the character of Negroes which the new chief executive purposes to recognize, his administration is bound to meet the approval of all right-thinking members of our race. Mr. Scott is busy receiving the congratulations of his host of Washington friends and a complimentary banquet is talked of, to be given in his honor prior to his departure for Africa. It is expected that the commission will sail directly for Gibraltar when the start is made and an American gunboat will be there in readiness to carry the trio to Monrovia. To avoid all possibility of climatic infection, it is being arranged to have the party make their home on the government vessel. The business of the commission may not require more than two months of prompt and vigorous work.

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Dr. Booker T. Washington spent a day or so in town this week and held an important conference with President Taft at the White House. He left for Tuskegee Monday.

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Mrs. A. M. Curtis, one of the race's most worthy women, has been named as a notary public in and for the District of Columbia by President Taft.

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The new $100,000 building of the Colored Y. M. C. A. is rapidly mounting skyward. The workmen have now reached the third story. The new home of the Washington Y. M. C. A. will be one of the finest buildings owned by Negroes in America. The architect is Mr. W. Sidney Pittman.

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Among those mentioned for the secretaryship of the Librarian Commission are Mr. Thomas J. Calloway, of this city, known to the nation as the head of the executive committee in charge of the Negro Department of the Jamestown Exposition, and Mr. Nathan Hunt, for many years faithful stenographer to Dr. Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee Institute.

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The corner-stone of the new Calvary Episcopal Church was laid recently, under the direction of Bishop Harding. The structure is located at the corner of 11th and G streets southeast, and will ge handsomely appointed. Rev. F. I. A. Bennett, a sector of ability, is the priest in charge. The congregation hopes to be able to occupy the new building by June 1.

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Plans have been drawn for a new home for the Asbury M. E. Church, to be erected on the site of the present structure, corner of 11th and K streets northwest. It is to cost about $60,000. Asbury is one of the oldest and strongest colored congregations in the city and Rev. M. W. Clair, the pastor, has few, if any, equals as a pulpit orator, spiritual leader and financial manager.

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The grand reception of the Inaugural Welcome Club at Convention Hall March 5 was a gratifying success socially, artistically and financially. So capably were its fiscal affairs managed by President W. Bruce Evans, H. P. Slaughter, J. H. Burlis and others in charge that a rebate of from $2.50 to $3 is to be returned eo each member. The original assessment was $5 and each subscriber was entitled to three tickets of admission, including supper.

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Rev. and Mrs. John F. Hurst gave a highly enjoyable "at home" on the evening of March 16, in compliment to Miss Marietta L. Gaines, of Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Peral Gertrude Lampton, of Greenville, Miss. The parlors o fthe Hurst homestead at 1352 Q. street were crowded from 8 to 10 on that evening with a trong of leading society people of the capital, anxious to pay their respects to these charming ladies. Mrs. Hurst is an ideal hostess.

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Washington is full of prosperous and thoughtful South Carolinans, and all are delighted with the encouraging reports brought back from their native state by the members of the party that recently toured that great Commonwealth with Dr. Booker T. Washington. South Carolina has ben done a rank injustice by the demagogues who have blackened the reputation of its best colored and white citizens for political purposes, and it is pleasing to fair-minded people to have the truth brought to light. Sout hCarolina stands higher in the public esteem by reason of the illuminating itinerary of the "Washington Party."

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Postmaster Joshua E. Wilson is to fight for his political life. He has served the people of Florenec as pastmaster for a quarter of a century and has given satisfaction to the solid and conservative business men of that city. Nothing is being alleged against him save that he is a Negro, and this question is being sprung only by a handful of pot-house politicians who hope to profit by stirring up race prejudice. Mr. Wilson has strong friends and they are urging the President to pay no attention to the clamor of office-brokers who care nothing for the real interests of the city of Florence.

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Much is being made of the rumor that former collector, W. D. Crum, of Charleston, S. C., is to be a medical inspector in Panama. Nothing definite can be said on the subject at this time. The same can be said of the talk of the street that Dr. H. W. Furniss, Minister to Haiti, is to be succeeded by Prof. Roscoe Conkling Bruce, now assistant superintendent of the public schools of this city. Since the wise-acres must talk, speculate and predict, it is just about as profitable for them to say one thing as another—since none of them know anything about the matter, and President Taft is too busy just now with the tariff and a few other things to get around to these questions in any definite way.

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A committee of colered men, representing the Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers, of Richmond and Washington, called upon the President a few days ago to make it known that they heartily approved of the interests he has shown and is now showing in the industrial development of the Negro people. A formal statement of their sentiments was read by T. Arnold Hill, of Richmond, who acted as secretary of the committe. President Taft was also presented with the first copy off the press of "The Inrdustrial History of the Negro Race of the United States," said to be the joint work of Col. Giles B. Jackson and Dr. D. Webster Davis. There were in the delegation, besides Col. Jackson and Secretary Hill, Messrs. William Issac Johnson, R. T. Hill and Walter R. Griffin.

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Dr. John F. Hurst, financial secretary of the A. M. E. Church, has assumed the financial direction of the Christian Recorder, which is still being issued from the Book Concern, Philadelphia, under the general supervision of the Board of Bishops. The changes were made necessary by the serious and continued illness of both Editor H. T. Johnson and Business Manager J. H. Collett. Prof. R. R. Wright, Jr., a young man of experience and natural talent for editorial and business responsibilities, has been elected as managing editor of the Recorder and will have full charge of the Philadelphia End of the Book Concern. Dr. Hurst will audit the accounts monthly. The Methodists have ben greatly worrid for many months over the deplorable conditions surrounding their publishing house, and the hope now is that with Dr. Hurst and Prof. Wright at the helm the tangles of the past few years will be permanently straightened out.

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The court of inquiry, named to look into the problem of re-enlisting the colored soldiers accused of participation in the alleged "shooting-up" of Brownsville, is getting ready for action. The court is made up of five prominent retired army officers, all of whom have rendered conspicuous service for their country. The ranking member is Lieut.-Gen. S. B. M. Young, and his associates are Maj.-Gen. J. P. Sanger, Brig.-Gen. Theodore Schwan, Brig.-Gen. Butler D. Price and Brig.-Gen. John M. Wilson. Capt. Charles R. Howland, 21st Infantry, is to be recorder of the court. The personnel has been studied carefully by Senator Foraker, leading attorneys who represented the soldiers throughout theordeal of the past two and a half years, and others at interest, and the general verdict is that the make-up of the court is eminently satisfactory. It is expected that the inquiry can be wound up within a year, and that the majority of the members of the "Black Battalion" will be restored to the army.

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Former Senator J. B. Foraker, of Ohio, plainly indicated in his speech accepting the loving cup at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, that he fully approves President Taft's views on the Negro question outlined in the latter's inaugural address.

"If I correctly understand what he said," commented the distinguished Ohioan, "he realizes fully the serious character of this question and intends to do all in his power to bring about a just solution of it."

Mr. Foraker also added that he hoped the leading colored men of the country would not hesitate to visit President Taft at the White House or write him and keep him constantly informed as to what the race thinks of his policies from time to time and give to him the benefit of their sympathetic counsel. He believes the President is desirous of working out this race problem on practical and honest lines and the more light he gets from authoritative sources the less liable he will be to make mistakes in dealing with it. From the number of representative colored men who are visiting the White House, it looks as if the advice of the Ohioan is being pretty generally acted upon.

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The death of Dr. Robert Reyburn cames as a distinct shock to the colored people of this city. His was a busy life an dfull of good works for all humanity. He knew no color line. For more than fift yyears he practiced medicine and it is a gratifying remembrance that a year ago the Medico-Chriurgical Society, composed of Washington's principal physicians, surgeons and dentists, presented Dr. Reyburn with a beautiful loving cup in recognition of his completion of a half century in the medical profession. Dr. Reyburn was one of the founders of Howard University and inaugurated the medical department of the institution in order that colored men might have an opportunity to study the healing art for the benefit of their people, as no white college would admit colored students at that time. Though ostracized by narrow-gauged members of his own race because of his sturdy insistence upon a square deal for Negroes, Dr. Reyburn never faltered in the pursuit of his high ideals of justice and equity, and from the close of the war, in which he fought for the destruction of slavery, until the present, he maintained his interest in the colored people and in the devlopmnt of Freedman's Hospital, where he was surgeon-in-chief from 1867 to 1875, and at the time of his death was dean of the medical department of Howard and an instructor and visiting surgeon at the hospital. Dr. Reyburn was identified with the Freedmen's Bureau; was the last survivor of the six physicians who attended President Garfield in 1881, when he fell at the hands of the assassin, and served four years as the District member of the Republican national committee. He was an uncompromising advocate of suffrage for the people of the District of Columbia. The death of Dr. Reyburn, scholar, humanitarian and constructive statesman, is a positive loss to the community and robs the Negro race of one of its staunchest friends.

## HEAD WAITER DEAD.

W. E. Tucker, head waiter, died at West Point, Ga., in February.

## PREVENTS NEGROES USING B. P. O. E.

TRENTON, N. J., April 6.—The House to-day passed a bill preventing Negroes from using the name or wearing the emblem of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

## THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

"Get something the people need. Then let the people know you've got it." This is the plain talk prescription for business success given by Mr. H. L. Kramer, the famous creator and advertiser of Cascarets, Candy Cathartics, which in a few years have developed a sale of a million boxes a month. Every reader of this paper knows that the manufacturers of Cascarets have persistently used newspaper advertising to "let the people know," and the results have shown that Major Kramer "has something the people needed." It is a good object-lesson in the school of business.

## RESOLUTIONS FOR 1909.

As we celebrate with thankfulness and enthusiasm the one-hundredth anniversary of our Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, let us make a few resolutions—and live up to them—that will be helpful to the entire race. About as follows:

Be it resolved—

First—My home shall be kept clean and my children shall be well cared for and reared.

Second—God helping me, I shall begin at once to buy a home, and not live in a rented house.

Third—That I shall not subscribe for a daily paper that thinks more of the criminal Negro than of the progressive element, and insists upon giving him more space than it gives to the best colored citizens who are its subscribers.

Fourth—My children shall play with Negro dolls.

Fifth—I will trade with stores that treat all their pasrons alike, regardless of color.

Sixth—I shall make it a point, as far as possible, to patronize Negro enterprises.

Seventh—I shall attend Negro churches, join Negro insurance companies, have Negro physicians and dentists, and when I die it is my last request to be buried by a Negro undertaker in a Negro graveyard.

I shall ever be grateful to those friends who are helping the race in its efforts to make good, and thank those who are even kind enough not to hinder us if they are not sufficiently interested to help us.

With gratitude to all and prejudice toward none, I sign these resolutions as the most expedient policy, because of the unpleasant and embarrassing conditions I am daily called upon to face because I am a member of a race that, so sure as God be true and just, must soon have its day in the court of enlightened public opinion.

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## RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.

In the "Church Circle" of the April Circle Magazine there appears a plea for systematic helpfulness.

Many business enterprises, says "The Circle," have been saved by the introduction of what has become a watchword in the commercial world—"System." Things which are impossible without system become possible with it. And, by the simple means of a little geography and mathematics, the world's needs and the church's assets of wealth and time can be brought together.

In there a hospital in your town? Are you doing all you can to see that every patient has every day all that the doctors and nurses will allow of pleasant things to ease the tedium and pain? Is any one in your town hungry or cold or lonesome or baffled by temptations? Are you doing all you can for everybody "Right Where You Are?"

Consider the long, long list of human needs. Think of the people next door, the people in the next block, the people in the next street, the people in jail or in the workhouse, the outcasts, the failures, and then ask yourself and ask your Lord if there is not something you may do "Right Where You Are." There is another interesting side to all this. Purely as a matter of social economics, it is startling to think of the potential service to society which is wasted by people who in their present plan of life have little to do. It is with time as with money—some seem to have too little, others to have more than necessary. The young girl, through with her studies, interested in many social matters, anxious to keep up with the tasks and exercises which will complete and perfect her culture, may find herself with hours and sometimes days upon her hands with which she knows not what to do. Often the older women in the home have to keep their minds at work almost constantly to find occupation which may save th mefrom the "spending the time." Think what a vast amount of energy is wasted which might be devoted to meeting the needs, bodily, mental, spiritual, of mankind.

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Mr. J. H. Washington, Superintendent of Industries at Tuskegee Institute. A whole-souled, amiable gentleman, and one of the most thoroughly equipped and deeply learned men in his profession.

Dr. R. E. Park, of Boston, a magazine writer and literateur of international prominence.

Bishop George W. Clinton, Charlotte, N. C., Bishop of the A. M. E. Zion Church—one of nature's noblemen.

R. W. Thompson, the peerless, one of Uncle Sam's assistants at Washington, and genial newspaper correspondent.

Charles Stewart, of Chicago and everywhere else—everybody knows Stewart. He "homologates" and "salucyfies" for the newspapers.

Mr. Nathan Hunt, stenographer to Dr. Washington, one of the very best in the business, and always "on the job."—*The Defender, Sumter, S. C.*

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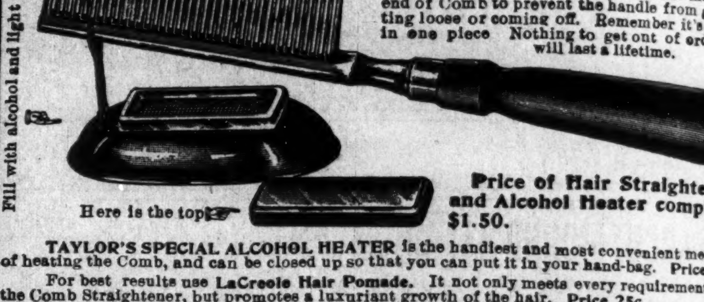
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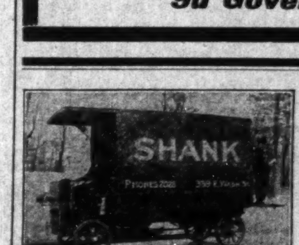

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# The Round=Up

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(CONTINUED.)

"You're just tryin' to sweep me out of here," he complained.

"Well, if you will bring dust in with you, you must expect to be swept out," Polly replied, with a show of spirit.

Polly was shaking the mat vigorously at the door when Slim said:

"I see they buried Poker Bill this mornin'."

"Is he dead?" It was the first Polly had heard of the passing away of one of the characters of the territory. She had expressed her surprise in the form of an interrogation, emphasizing the "he," a colloquialism of the southwest.

Slim, however, had chosen to ignore the manner of speech and, with a grin, answered: "Ye-es. That's why they buried him."

Polly laughed in spite of herself. "What did he die of?" she asked.

As Slim was about to take a drink at the olla he failed to hear her.

"Eh?" he grunted.

"What did he die of?" she repeated.

"Five aces," was the sober reply of the sheriff before he drained the gourd.

Polly put the broom back of the door and was rearranging the articles on the table before Slim could muster up enough courage to speak on the topic which was always uppermost in his mind when in her presence.

"Say, Miss Polly"— he began.

"If you've anything to say to me, Slim Hoover, just say it. I can't be bothered today—all the fixin's an' things," saucily advised the girl.

"Well, what I want to say is"— began the sheriff.

At this moment Bud Lane, laboring under heavy excitement, burst open the door.

"Say, Slim, you're wanted down at the corral," he cried, paying no heed to Polly.

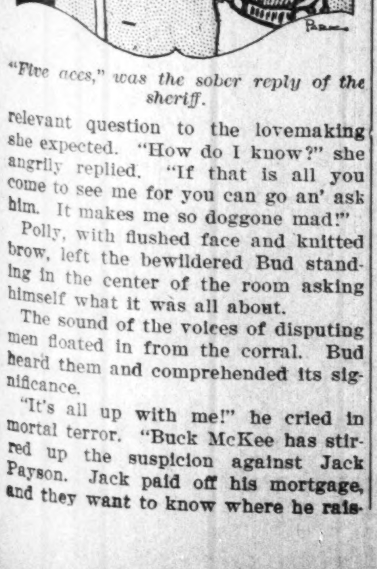
"Shucks!" exclaimed the disappointed sheriff. "What's the row?"

"I don't know. Buck McKee, he's there with some of the Lazy K outfit. They want to see you."

Slim threw himself out of the door, with the mild expletive, "Darn the luck!"

Bud turned quickly to Polly. "Did Jack pay off the mortgage last week?" he almost shouted at the girl.

Polly stamped her foot in anger at what seemed to her to be a totally irrelevant question to the lovemaking she expected. "How do I know?" she angrily replied. "If that is all you come to see me for you can go an' ask him. It makes me so doggone mad!"



*"Five aces," was the sober reply of the sheriff.*

Polly, with flushed face and knitted brow, left the bewildered Bud standing in the center of the room asking himself what it was all about.

The sound of the voices of disputing men floated in from the corral. Bud heard them and comprehended its significance.

"It's all up with me!" he cried in mortal terror. "Buck McKee has stirred up the suspicion against Jack Payson. Jack paid off his mortgage, and they want to know where he raised the money. Well, Jack can tell. If he can't I'll confess the whole business. I won't let him suffer for me. Buck shan't let an innocent man hang for what we've done."

The sound of footsteps on the piazza and the opening of the door drove Bud to take refuge in an adjoining room, where he could overhear all that was happening. He closed the door as the cowpunchers entered, with Slim at their head.

### CHAPTER XII.

BUCK M'KEE had not been idle in the days following the slaying of "Ole Man" Terrill. Having learned that Slim and his posse had discovered only the fact that the murderer had ridden a pacing horse to the ford, McKee took full advantage of this fact. In the cow camps, the barrooms and at the railroad station he hinted at first that a certain person every one knew could tell a lot more about the death of the old man than he cared to have known. After a few days he began to bring the name of Payson into the conversation. His gossip became rumor and then common report. When it became known that Jack had paid off the mortgage on his ranch Buck came out with the accusation that Payson was the murderer. Finding that he was listened to, Buck made the direct charge that Payson had killed the station agent and with the proceeds of the robbery was paying off his old debts.

Gathering his own men about him and being joined by the idle hangers on who are to be found about every town, Buck led his party to the ranch on the Sweetwater to accuse Jack and so throw off in advance any suspicions which might attach to himself.

Fortunately Slim happened to be at Jack's ranch at the time. When he entered the corral he found Jack's accusers and defenders rapidly nearing a battle.

Jack was taking the charges coolly enough, as he did not know what support McKee had manufactured to uphold the charges he made. Slim informed McKee he would listen to what he had to say and if afterward he thought Jack guilty he would place him under arrest; for all concerned it would be better to go into the house. The Sweetwater boys surrounded Jack as they followed Slim into the living room. Lining up in opposing groups, Slim stood in the center to serve as judge and jury, with Buck and Jack at his right and left hand.

Inside the door Jack said: "Keep as quiet as you can, boys. I don't want to alarm my wife. Now, what is it?"

The punchers hushed their discussion of the charge and listened attentively to what the men most interested had to say.

"Well, darn it all," apologized the sheriff to Jack, "it's all darn fool business anyway. Buck here, he started it."

Jack smiled sarcastically and, glancing at McKee, remarked, "Buck McKee's started a good many things in his day"—

Buck began to bluster. He could not face Jack fairly. Already placed on the defense when he had considered he would be the accuser, McKee took refuge in the plea of being wronged by false suspicion.

"I hain't goin'," he whined, "to have folks suspicion me uv any such doin's as the killin' uv 'Ole Man' Terrill. I got a witness to prove I wuzn't in twenty miles uv the place."

"Who's your witness?" asked Slim in his most judicial tones.

"Bud Lane. Me an' him rode over to the weddin' together from the Lazy K, an' I wuz put out as not fittin' to be there, an' by that very man there that did the killin'."

The punchers had to grin in spite of the seriousness of the occasion. Buck appeared to be deeply hurt at the unceremonious way he had been left out at the feast.

"What makes you point to me as the man?" asked Jack quietly.

"You wuz late gettin' to yer own weddin'."

Fresno could not repress his feelings any longer. He started angrily toward McKee, but Jack and Sagebrush held him back. The others were about to follow his lead when Slim motioned them back with the caution, "Keep out of this, boys!"

"I was late," explained Jack, "but I told you I rode around to the station to get a wedding present I ordered for my wife"—

Jim interrupted him to substantiate the statement. Pointing to a desk, he said: "That's so. There it is, too—that there desk."

The Sweetwater outfit nodded in acquiescence, but the others looked incredulous

Buck sneered at the defense which Jack made. "Nobody saw you over that way, did they?"

"I saw Terrill. It must have been just before he was killed. I didn't meet anybody else." Jack showed no trace of temper under the inquisition.

"Of course you saw him before he wuz killed—about a minute. Mebbe you didn't plug him the next minute with a 44?"

The charge roused Sagebrush's fighting blood. Drawing his gun, he attempted to get a fair shot at the accuser. Fresno and Show Low grabbed him by the arms, holding him back. The foreman shouted, "There'll be some one plugged right now if you all make another break like that!"

Slim waved his hands over his head, driving the men backward, as if he were shooing away a flock of chickens.

"Easy, now—easy," he drawled. "There ain't a-goin' to be nothin' doin' here 'cept law an' justice."

Buck laughed sneeringly at the wavering of his men. He would have to do something to put more heart into them and regain the ground he had lost by his single handed conduct of the case.

"There hain't, eh?" he asked contemptuously. "Well, it's lucky I brought some uv my own outfit with me."

"Mebbe you'll need them if you get too careless with your talk," answered the unruffled sheriff.

Turning to Jack, Slim said, "This fool thing can be settled with one word from you."

The young ranchman listened to the sheriff earnestly. He wished to clear himself forever of all suspicions. He did not want Echo ever to hear that there was a false impression abroad that she was the wife of a slayer. "What is it?" he asked simply.

"Why, you paid off a mortgage of an even three thousan' dollars last week, didn't you?"

"Yes. What has that to do with it?" he asked.

Buck broke in at this point. Here was the strongest card that he had in his hand, and the sheriff had played it to McKee's advantage.

"Plenty!" Buck shouted. "Old Terrill wuz shot an' killed an' robbed, an' the man who did it got just three thousan' dollars."

"An' you mean to say that the boss here"— began Sagebrush, in his anger making a rush at McKee. He was held back, but the disturbance attracted Echo and Mrs. Allen from the kitchen. Echo hurried to her husband's side. He slipped his arm about her waist, and together they faced his accuser.

"All you got to say is whar did you get that money!" cried Buck, who had seen Dick Lane pay it to Payson and conjectured that Payson did not dare to reveal the fact of this payment, with all the disclosure it implied.

"Why, it was paid to me by"— Then Jack stopped. He could not tell who gave him the money without revealing to Echo the return of Dick. The whole miserable lie would then come out. Echo noticed Jack's hesitancy.

"What is it? What's the matter?" she asked in frightened tones.

"Nothing, nothing," he answered lightly to lessen her terror.

"Hats off, everybody!" commanded Slim in deference to the presence of Echo.

"Who are these men? What's wrong?" pleaded Echo.

Buck bowed to the trembling woman, who had thrown her arms about her husband's neck.

"Nothin'," he exclaimed, "only we want to know whar yer husband got the money to pay off the mortgage on this ranch."

The request seemed a very simple one to Echo. All the talk of harming Jack, the high words, the threats, could be silenced easily by her hero. Smiling into his eyes, Echo said, "Tell them, Jack."

"I can't," he faltered.

"It was paid to him by a friend," bravely began Echo—"a friend to whom he lent it some time ago."

Buck interrupted her explanation. "Then let him tell his friend's name an' whar we can find him." Turning to Jack, he bullied: "Come on! What's his name?"

Jack closed his eyes to shut out the sight of his wife. In his agony he clinched his fists until his nails sank into the flesh. "I can't tell you that!" he cried in his misery.

"Of course he can't," sneered Buck, smiling evilly in his triumph.

"He can't account fer himself on the night uv the weddin'; he rides a pacin' horse—rode on that night; he gets three thousan' dollars paid him, an' he can't tell who paid it. What's the verdict?" Buck did not wait for an answer. Raising his voice, he shouted, "Guilty!"

"Jack, Jack! What have you to say?" begged Echo.

"Nothing," was his only answer.

"Tell him he lies!" cried Sagebrush. "Jack, we all know you. You're as white a man as ever lived, an' they ain't one of this outfit that ain't ready to die fer you right now."

"You bet!" chorused his men.

"He hain't goin' to get off like that," declared Buck. Looking confidently at his own followers, he said, "The Lazy K can take care uv him."

Buck's men moved closer to him, preparing to draw their guns if need be and open fire on Jack's defenders.

"Look out, boss!" warned Sagebrush at the hostile movement of Buck and his punchers.

"Hold on!" drawled the sheriff, who as the danger grew more real became more deliberate in his movements. "They ain't goin' to be nothin' done here unless it's done in the law. You all know me, boys. I'm the sheriff. This man's my prisoner." Pointing to Jack, he added, "There ain't nobody goin' to take him from me—an' live."

Buck saw Jack slipping from his clutches. "Yer not goin' to be bluffed by one man, are you, boys?"

"No," his punchers answered in unison, crowding toward Jack, who held up his hand and cried: "Stop! I want a fair deal, and I'll get it."

"I'll settle this thing all right. All I ask is a few words alone with my wife."

Jack clasped Echo to his breast as he begged this boon from the men who sought his life.

"No!" blustered Buck.

"Yes," ordered Slim quietly, but emphatically. "Mr. Payson, you'll give me your word you won't try to escape?"

"Yes," agreed Jack.

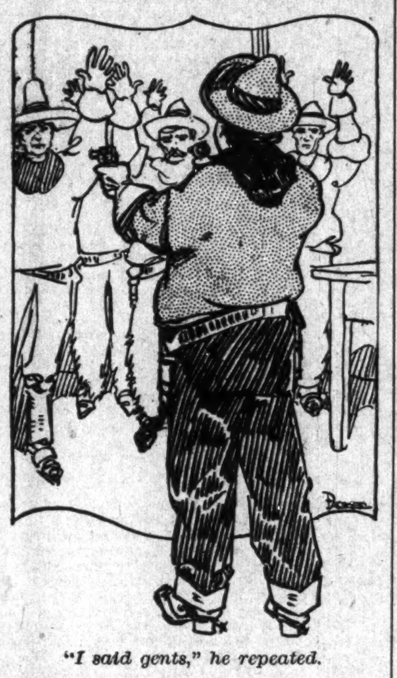
"His word don't go with us," shouted Buck.

Slim laid his hand on the butt of his revolver, ready to draw if necessary to enforce his command. Buck saw the movement and shouted to him: "Keep yer hand away from that gun, sheriff. You know I am quick on the draw." He significantly fingered his holster as he spoke.

"So I've heard tell," agreed Slim, hastily withdrawing his hand from his revolver.

Slim appeared to agree to the surrender of Jack to Buck and his punchers, permitting them to deal with him as they saw fit. He fumbled in his left hand waistcoat pocket, pulling out a bag of tobacco and a package of rice paper. Ostentatiously he began to roll a cigarette. Then, with the quickness of a cat, his left hand was plunged in the inside right hand pocket of his waistcoat. Grasping a revolver by the muzzle, he deftly jerked it upward and seized the handle in its flight. He covered Buck McKee before that worthy realized what had happened. With his right hand Slim pulled the weapon which swung at his hip and aimed it at the other boys of the Lazy K. The guns moved up and down the line, backed by the sheriff's usually mild blue eyes, coldly steady now at the call to battle.

"I'll give you a lesson in pullin' guns, though," he declared, his voice as steady as his hands. "Don't move, Buck," he warned as McKee wavered, "nor any others of you. I'm playin' this hand alone. Buck McKee, you've been flirtin' with a tombstone fer some time. Hands up, gents," he ordered, raising the pistols significantly.



*"I said gents," he repeated.*

"I said gents," he repeated when Buck McKee did not obey him with alacrity. The balked leader of the Lazy K outfit reluctantly held his hands aloft.

"Sagebrush!" called Slim.

"Here!" answered the foreman, covering a man with his revolver.

"Parenthesis!" summoned the sheriff.

"Here!" the man of the bowlegs replied as he drew his gun.

"Me, too!" cried Fresno, while Show Low came to the front with "An' likewise here!"

(Continued Next Week,)

## A HARVARD MAN, FARMER.

It is said that W. S. Hagans, a colored man, a graduate of Harvard University, conducts a farm at Goldsboro, N. C., where he employs between fifty and sixty persons, and from which he sells yearly upwards of $8,000 worth of produce. The information is somewhat surprising, since graduates of that institution rarely turn farmers, especially colored men. In the first place, it is generally felt that the job does not require the use of the education received at such schools. Then, again, there seems to be a sort of an unwritten law against such "humble" pursuits, based, presumably, on the theory of preparedness for the "learned" occupations. We make these distinctions simply as means for the argument. In these days of competition in every department of endeavor the field is included, and where he that knows the most will succeed the best.

He that succeeds the best will know much that does not fall to the lot of the average farmer, the one without much schooling or special training along his line. None is more aware of the fact than the farmer, who, after years of labor, sees the necessity for taking courses of studies that bear upon his work. Discoveries are being made every day, in laboratories, not in the fields. When the farmer attends the fairs or the markets he is faced by these, excelling in expedition and result his old ways, hence sees that they must be discarded if he would hold his own.

The subject of agriculture, perhaps, is not of the Harvard curriculum. The fact does not disturb the argument, which, virtually, is the educated farmer versus the uneducated farmer. The individual of the broader culture will "have on" very much that makes for success. Chemistry, biology and that phase of geology having to do with surface soils and their allied sciences are so much capital, and necessary in this day.

Mr. Hagans is to be congratulated that he has the "nerve" to be a farmer, notwithstanding the high requirements of today, and because none has ever dreamed of a Negro of Harvard enlisting in that great class of breadwinners. He will do much to puncture the theory that schooled men should not have soiled hands. It is true that the greater institutions fit men for the great places in life, great because in the public eye or owing to responsibility or some distinguishment that lifts beyond the ordinary; but they none the less fit men for any calling demanding skill and intelligence. One is simply fortunate in going where he may be best prepared for his work; it is as much as should be said of it in sense of adoration, and especially if the tendency is to classify

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The liquor question is at white heat in Milwaukee.

The ex-President has begun on his Internatiinal Order of Ananiases.

It will be a most interesting mix up if Wm. L. Taylor and Thomas Taggart enter the ring. The spectators will get their money's worth.

Race prejudice is a mean, hateful thing on one hand, and a good, blessed thing on the other. The race is not taking full advantage of its blessing.

Some advocate the simple life. The earnest life is what the race stands in need of. No make-believe earnest, but really so—doing the best when and wherever possible.

"April showers bring May flowers." Let us hope so. April is that month of capricious weather. It sometimes rains, it sometimes shines, and sometimes all together, including snow, hail and slugs.

A number of white students in Birmingham, England, objected to the manager drawing the color line on one of their number, a Negro lad. They insisted that the manager was to "start nothing in that country."

The saloon men promised to be good while their fate was pending. The ruling passion strong in death is the way it looked when, on Monday, the newspapers announced that business was doing at the old stands on Sunday.

The Negro Ellis, of Boston, Mass., after having wrestled with the Legislature of that State, succeeded in defeating a bill which had for its purpose prohibiting the members of the order from wearing the emblems that designate it.

Ex-President Roosevelt says he didn't even see the correspondent of Le Journal, of Paris, and, of course, gave out nothing to be published. The correspondent has it that Mr. Roosevelt was very loquacious. Perhaps the newspaper man was suffering from a brainstorm—thought he saw things.

The value of the discovery of iron ore in any portion of the mining regions of South Africa cannot be overestimated. In slack years over half a million pounds' worth of mining machinery is imported into the Transvaal alone.—The Argus, Melbourne, Australia.

Now if the Liberians will get busy they may succeed in turning up iron in their country. A country will not be much without iron; very much ought to result where it is a part of the products.

Bear in mind that some of the people are expected in every enterprise where there is opportunity. Make money, save some of it, and don't be flattered out of it by too fine a society or too good clothes. Either of those items, when lived up to, will put a colired man on the toboggan. The opportunity for the colored people is unparalleled in the history of the world. O, no, they are not going to go in the white people's banks. Nothing prevents them getting banks of their own. They may build cities and be from mayor down. If they choose, they can make a millionaire every year.

When it is said that the tariff makes for better wages for the American workman, there is not much room for argument, since the lower wages of European countries enter into the cost of producing an article, making it possible to put such an article on the market at a price that would be ruinous to the manufacturer of the same article whose workmen are much better paid. But when the trusts arbitrarily fix the prices of the article, regardless of the operation of the tariff, even reducing wages and maintaining prices, a revision downward is the hope of the poor man.

Sir Harry Johnson must have had the eye of an "eagle" to have observed as much as is purported of him in the London papers. It would be cruel ti say that Sir Harry saw the country from the top of an omnibus; it would be no less truthful than the thought that he could obtain expert opinion in the sense of applying the remedy for the disordered condition as it pertains to the races. It is reasonable to think that he would gain some ideas by what he saw, and more from the distinguished company of men in which he traveled. It is also reasonable to think that from his own viewpoint he could devise methods by which better conditions would obtain. His papers show that he, at least, is in earnest, and of a philanthropical mind, seeking to introduce the Negroes to a larger measure of consideration and, necessarily, at the expense of the white man's policy towards them. But, of course, he has nothing new to advance that would be entertained. He is optimistic, viewing the future with hope, just about the same as hopeful colored men do. This much may be assuredly said of him, that he gives the Negroes the better of his argument.

Louisville has a Negro florist. Indianapolis has none. Chicago has a Negro bank. Indianapolis has none. Philadelphia has a Negro photographer. Indianapolis has none. Plenty opportunity to get busy. We have above thirty thousand colored people; there is no musical studio, no singing society that means anything. On Indiana Avenue, where there are as many colored people to the square yard as any other place in the world, there is not a single grocery, meat shop or bakery. We have several flourishing tailoring shops, nice affairs, but which say plainly that clothes play a very prominent part. We have the one very quiet laundry, which acts very much as if it were afraid it would get something to do. Restaurants have been gradually reduced until it is almost like working a problem in arithmetic to figure out where and what you'll eat. The little candy shops are gone, every one of them—the good, bad and the indifferent. Some were good riddance, but none are left to tell the tale. Pool rooms are multiplying. The drinking places hold their own. Some doubtful institutions continue to flourish. It sounds like a "knock," don't it? But get busy and investigate.

## A COLORED BANK IN CHICAGO.

Now comes Chicago with news of a bank managed by colored men. Banks to the right of us, banks to the left of us, but "nary" a colored bank for Indianapolis as yet. Last week we made note of a Philadelphia concern under the management of ex-Congressman Geo. H. White, which, justly proud of its first year's success, threw open its own doors—a new building—for the public's inspection. The Chicago Commercial Chronicle, speaking in reference to the Chicago enterprise, recently had the following to say of Jesse Binga, who will have charge of the bank:

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## 100 NEGROES BATTLE DEPUTIES.

### Three Killed and Five Wounded in All-Night Fight in Oklahoma.

On the scene of the famous Creek Indian uprising of last year at Hickory Settlement, Okla., three Negroes were killed, five wounded and forty captured in a battle between twenty deputy sheriffs and one hundred Negroes. The fighting began late Wednesday afternoon and continued until 10 o'clock Thursday. Five deputies went to Henryetta to the Negro settlement to arrest cattle thieves thought to be concealed in the house of one of the Negroes. They were met by a party of armed Negroes and fired upon. Outnumbered, the deputies fled. A few hours later a large posse reached the settlement. Some one fired a shot, and the rioting was on. The fight continued as a esries of duels throughout the night. The deputies renewed the attack on the Negroes Thursday morning. About three hundred shots were fired in the last encounter, when two Negroes were killed and Deputy Sheriff Fowler injured. At the first onslaught the Negroes were dislodged from their huts and fled. The deputies pursued and captured forty.

## SHELBYVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Ida Winslow is visiting Mrs. Allen Estes this week....Miss Aquilla Seniours is on the sick list again....The mock trial in progress at the High School this week has been a success so far.

## NASHVILLE, TENN.

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After spending about thirty days in Hot Springs, Ark., taking a course of baths and doing general recuperation, Rev. J. F. Thomas, of Chicago, Ill., stopped over here for two days as a guest of Dr. C. H. Clarke, pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church. Dr. Thomas left Friday morning of last week for his Chicago home by way of Louisville. He has glowing descriptions of the progress noticeable among the Negroes in a business way as well as in religious circles in Arkansas, west and middle Tennessee.

## WEST BADEN, IND.

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The new West Baden Baptist Church will have their dedication Sunday, April 18. Rev. Parris, of Louisville, is expected to preach the dedication sermon. There are many white Baptists expected to make a few remarks also. Our faithful pastor, Rev. J. Mason, who has worked side by side with carpenters, painters and plasterers, in order to save expense and also have the church ready on the promised day, will feel somewhat new as "master of ceremonies." The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Mayme Wing, is expected to render some sweet music....Otis Burnett, Harry Pollard and Charley Rice are expected to control the West Baden ball team this year. Under the management of Otis Burnett, the famous badger fight manager, the team is expected to be the best in the Middle States. He has already got Albert Toney, Robert Weaver and others down taking the waters and working out....James Foster, better known as "Frog," while intoxicated, broke into Dr. Hassenmiller's drug store at midnight and filled his pockets with a few bottled-in-bond whiskey bottles, and was caught at the station next morning waiting for the Louisville train. He was kept in jail a few days, and is thought to have grown remorseful, and hung himself with an old piece of electric wire. The ceiling was only four inches higher than he was, but by the aid of an empty barrel he fulfilled the job. He had a wife and child in Louisville, which was his home. He came here to work for George Waddy, but had quit while intoxicated.

## QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Lieut. C. H. Freeman, of Jacksonville, Ill., has returned home from a visit with his brother and friends....Mrs. F. E. Cook, president of the W. C. T. U. of this city, has returned home from Lorain, Ill., where she had been attending the State convention. She was the only colored delegate there, and read a paper which proved to be a great success....Mrs. S. H. Shumaker was quite surprised when she went to her chicken house Eastern morning to find the nine hens setting had hatched 170 little chicks....The Bethel A. M. E. Church and Eighth and Elem Church both had splendid programs Easter Sunday evening....The joint meeting of these churches, with Rev. Syder in the chair, last Wednesday evening, proved a success....There will be a rally at the Eighth and Elm Church Sunday evening.

## GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. T. W. Pratt will soon have his beautiful house completed....Mrs. Randolph, of Sulphur Springs, and little daughter, were the guests of Mrs. J. A. Linley Easter Sunday....Easter exercises were better than ever seen in Greenville this year, and Mrs. M. S. Atkinson and Miss L. D. Lawson should be praised for their tireless energy in preparing those children who did so well on Easter day....Prof. T. C. Martin's advice should be given careful attention, because every word he said was true. Boys and girls, if you want to succeed, you must try and emulate some great man or woman....The German Monday morning given by Mr. Webb Moffet was a success....Mrs. Annie Hasken is convalescing.

## ANNISTON, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

John Grier thanks the Royal Benefit Society of Washington, D. C., for its prompt payment of the death claim on his wife....The rally at Haven Chapel continues. Let all lend a helping hand....After April 17 THE FREEMAN can be found at W. M. Griffis', 612 West Fifteenth street, with all the latest news....A large number were out on Easter Sunday evening to hear the children's exercises at Haven Chapel. Miss Brooks and Miss Billups are to be congratulated for the training of these tender hearts....There will be a rally at Friendship Baptist Church, Sunday, April 18. All are invited.

## PARIS, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Easter ushered in as usual, but very cold. There was a large attendance at each church, with a merry program. Old Sol showed itself, and there was much joy among the ladies with their Easter bonnets....Uncle Ike Dellfy, about the oldest citizen of our city, passed away. It happened from the trimming of a toe, from which blood poisoning set in....Miss Sing Candy lost by death her brother. He was buried at Paris Cemetery, Thursday....There will be a grand rally at the A. M. E. Church, Ruckerville, the fourth Sunday, for the trustees....Mrs. Pearl Conaway, of Covington, Ky., is visiting her father....The Christian Church gave an old maids' entertainment Monday night at the church....Mrs. Louis Judith Miller has just returned from Lexington, Ky., helping Mrs. Snowden on her millinery.

## BIG ROCK, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. P. D. Kingins gave instruction in the State reading course at the Colored Teachers' County Association, which met at Dover, Tenn. Many flattering remarks were bestowed on Prof. Kingins....The Literary Society, which exhibited at Legate, Tenn., was a success in every way. The audience was well pleased. N. W. Williams was on the stage again. C. H. Weston will not be forgotten soon. Mrs. P. D. Kingins was greeted with much applause. Her sweet-toned voice made her solos find a place in every one's memory, and many compliments are being given her....P. D. Kingins conducted Easter services at Weaver's Chapel. He chose for his text I Cor. 15:55, "Death is swallowed up in victory," from which he preached a powerful sermon. Brother Belvie White, one of the oldest members of the church, said that it was one of the best sermons he had ever heard on any Easter day....P. D. Kingins took dinner with James White Sunday.

## XENIA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Ida Swisher, of Indianapolis, is visiting her parents....Frank Merchant, Mr. Clark and Everett Merchant spent Sunday in Washington C. H....THE FREEMAN may be had at the Acme News stand, East Main street....Miss Bertha Butler is visiting friends and relatives here....Miss Fannie Collins and daughter are here on a visit....Miss Alice Gales spent Easter here....All news of general interest to be published in THE FREEMAN will be left at the Acme news stand....The members of the East Main Street High School Orchestra are glad to see Herbert Hatcher in his place with the trombone....William Roberts spent part of last Sunday in Dayton....Julius Foster spent Sunday in Cincinnati....A large crowd attended the exercises at St. John's A. M. E. Church on Sunday evening....Miss Bessie Smith is here on a brief visit....Miss Gussie Green is here on a two weeks' visit....The sophomores of the East Main Street High School will present to the public their rhetoricals April 30.

## HOUSTON, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Easter Sunday was observed in this city as usual....The Houston Emancipation Committee has met and decided to make the coming celebration of the 19th of June bigger, brighter and better than ever....Mr. James Bolls left the city Saturday night for Seabrooks....You can always find THE FREEMAN at John Thomas's barber shop, William street, and the Bayou City drug store....The Cadillac Club's cotillion, given at the U. B. F. Hall, Wednesday night, Apral 14, was a grand affair....John H. Tanner, D. McGrew and Miss K. Parker, a team, are bright as diamonds in their performances at the Lomax vaudeville. All act clean and up to date....Bishop H. M. Turner, senior bishop of the A. M. E. Church, arrived in the city Wednesday from New Orleans. His arrival at the time was unexpected, as was evidenced by the fact that none of the local reception committee was present at the station when he reached Houston. The Bishop had been invited to lecture here while on his tour though Texas and old Mexico. The proceeds of the lecture were for the special benefit of Wesley A. M. E. Church, which at the time is burdened with a debt aggregating $2,000. The lecture took place Thursday night at the Auditorium before an audience estimated at 1,500 persons, a few of whom were white.

## KANSAS CITY, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Kansas City spirit, respected throughout the State, again asserted itself when on April 12, in Convention Hall, Emmanuel Commandery, K. T., the G. U. O. of O. F. and the Munford Co. K. P., under the unique caption, "The Three of Us," pulled off their joint entertainment. Fully 2,500 people occupied the boxes, arena and balconies and watched the uniform drill teams execute so perfect and quick that one felt that the spectators were viewing some beautiful shifting scene on the film of a kaleidoscope. Patriarch No. 66, G. U. O. of O. F., won the first prize; Emmanuel Commandery No. 25, K. T., won second prize. The Ladies' Union Drill Corps No. 3, S. M. T., under Miss Magnolia Lewis, deserves special mention. The fact that the entertainment followed so close upon Easter caused ti to be strictly a dress affair. Were the writer both a milliner and a dressmaker, it might be possible to describe the pyrotechnic beauty of dress. The French hats, directoires, empire and gowns were much in evidence. Some of those present: Box 62, Mr. W. H. Owens, head waiter Savoy Hotel, and wife; Mrs. Compton, Mrs. Dease. Box 50, Mr. Lindsey and wife; Mr. Ed Meadows and Miss Jackson. Box 40, Mr. Whitmore and company of friends. Box 43, Mr. Felix Payne, Miss Emma Collins, Hon. M. C. Crews, Mrs. Monholland. Box 35, Mr. John Ford, Mr. Charles Washington, Mr. Will Baker and ladies; Mr. McKnight, head waiter of Baltimore Hotel, and wife. Box 23, Mr. Moon, of 1221 Baltimore avenue, and party. Box 25, Mr. Dave Verse, Miss Grace Thomas, Mr. Harry Lampkins and wife. Box 37, Rev. Herst and family. All in all, the affair was a classy one of beauty to the community, morally and financially.

## TROY, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Horace Collier and Miss Mary Ousley, of this city, were happily married Sunday afternoon at 7 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Eliza Mutrey. Rev. C. A. Russell officiated. Tehy are housekeping at No. 182 Walnut street....Special Easter services were held in most of the churches in this city Sunday. St. Paul A. M. E. choir prepared special Easter music...The following teachers of Troy attended the State Teachers Association at Montgomery April 7, 8, 9: Mrs. P. T. Mitchell, Mrs. Lizzie Cooper, Prof. C. W. Whitehead and Prof. J. E. Johnson....Now is the time to read The Freeman. See the agent and subscribe.

## MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The street fair was here last week, and everybody had a good time. The white and colored people enjoyed the merry-go-round, but on the Ferris wheel no colored person was allowed. There was a colored band from Greenville, and they gave first-class music. There was a free show given for all....Mr. T. W. Jones, of Tyler, has bought the Munzerheimer farm. He is a lawyer. There are only five families on the farm....The Tri-Missionary Congress of the C. M. E. Church will be held in Texarkana, April 21-25. Mrs. Redwine, of Tyler, will be there, and a large number of other ladies....Rev. W. F. Watkins was in Smith county on the 10th and 11th....All Easter services were good.

## SPOKANE, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

John H. Brown, after an illness of several months, died at his home last Saturday, March 27, and was buried from Calvary Baptist Church Tuesday, March 30. Rev. S. S. Freeman, of Bethel A. M. E. Church, and Rev. J. Gordon McPherson officiated. The funeral was largely attended by friends and members of the two churches. Mr. Brown leaves a wife and daughter. His daughter, Miss Minnie Brown, is possibly one of the best known and popular young ladies of the city. She is at this time with the Williams and Walker Co., playing in New York City...Miss Florence Hoskins will leave the city in a few days for Seattle...Mr. E. E. Stone, formerly of this city, has just returned from a trip in California...The young people and friends of Mrs. Brown gave a benefit concert on the 1st which proved a grand success. The St. Thomas Quartet, with Mrs. I. N. Curtly as instructress, who appeared on the program at the concert, held the house spellbound...The Dove Club are making arangements for a swell entertainment on the 27th.

## BALTIMORE, MD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The funeral of Rev. Dr. John H. Collett, former manager of the African Methodist Book Concern, who died in Washington Thursday night of last week, after a lingering illness from Bright's disease, took place Monday at Trinity A. M. E. Church, this city. The services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Young, of Anacostia, D. C., and Rev. Dr. A. L. Gaines, pastor of Trinity A. M. E. Church, this city. Among the prominent churchment in attendance were Bishops W. B. Derrick, Levi J. Coppen and Wesley J. Gaines, Rev. Dr. John Hurst, financial secretary of the A. M. E. Church; Rev. Dr. B. F. Watson, secretary of Church Extension, and Rev. Dr. W. T. Vernon, register of the treasurer. Interment was in Laurel Cemetery. The Deceased was born in Wilmington, N. C., about fifty-eight years ago. For over thirty years he had been a prominent member of the Baltimore Conference, and for the last quarter of a century he was a delegate to every General Conference of his church. Dr. Collett is survived by his wife (Mrs. Ruth M. Collett) and one sister....Mr. George McCoy called at the Camden station for THE FREEMAN....Cole and Johnson, in "The Red Moon," are expected at the Holliday Street Theater the week of the 18th.

## CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

We note with pleasure that Rev. J. E. Smith, pastor of the First Congregational Church, shares the distinctive honor of being in the pastorate of said church for thirty years....H. D. Alexander has the honor of being among the first mail carriers appointed in Chattanooga, his term of service covering a period of about twenty years....Mrs. Callie Bradford Lattimore, formerly one of the popular society ladies of Chattanooga, now of Chicago, is in the city visiting friends....The Ladies' Martha Chapters, Eastern Star, of A. F. and A. M., celebrated their anniversary, embracing quite an interesting program, with much attraction, at the First Baptist Church, Sunday evening, April 4, at 2:30 p. m. They chanted some sweet music, and Mrs. A. B. Jackson, the organist, played beautifully on this occasion. Rev. C. A. Bell, B. D., pastor, preached an excellent annual sermon to a large and appreciative audience. Rev. J. W. Tate, D. D., pastor Wiley Memorial M. E. Church, officiated. This event was made exceedingly attractive and impressive upon all, and the ladies admirably performed their respective duties, which elicited great praise for this distinguished and noble fraternity. The special officers for the anniversary services were: Mr. A. S. Scruggs, G. P. P.; Mr. E. H. Gilliam, G. P.; Mrs. Mary Young, W. M.; Mrs. Watson, A. W. M.; Mrs. Lizie McConnell, G. Conductress; Mrs. N. F. Darby, G. A. C.; Mrs. L. Mason, Ada; Mrs. G. L. Nelson, Ruth; Mrs. A. C. La Prade, Esther; Mrs. I. S. Green, Martha; Mrs. E. M. Oliver, Elector; Mr. W. L. Westfield, P.; Mrs. M. L. Wilson, Treas.

## MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The juvenile choir of the A. M. E. Church appeared Sunday in their robes and caps, and presented a beautiful appearance. Quite an excellent program was rendered at 2:30 p. m. In the evening the missionery society and the senior choir rendered a splendid program....Rev. Mitchell has accepted the call of Calvary Baptist Church, and was present during the entire day Sunday....Albert Ferguson, of Anderson, was a pleasant caller with relaters and agent of the Indianapolis FREEMAN....Miss Emma Clayborn, of Indianapolis, is stopping with her niece, Mrs. S. W. Benson....Mrs. Sinthie Rice, of the capital city, is a guest of Mrs. M. Ashby....William Hagon has been called to Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., to attend the burial of his mother....Mrs. Richard Cannon, of Fort Wayne, spent a few days with Mrs. John Hunt....Mrs. Mary E. Cook, of Winchester, spent a few days with her daughters....Mrs. Beulah Kelley entertained Sunday a number of freinds in honor of Miss Mabel Smith, of Hartford City. Those present were Misses Mary and Jennie White, Mable Burton, Margaret Cottman, Flossie Thompson, Bessel Kelley, Cecil Hart, Helen Redmond, Blanch and Daisy Teeper, Pearl Simpson, Adeline Long, Madam Luther Riff and Clarence Bray, Messrs. Beecher, Hart, George Blair and J. Ferguson....Mr. Fred Evans will leave Tuesday for an extensive visit with his parents at Franklin, Ky....Mrs. Clarence Bray will leave soon for her home in Bellefontaine, Ohio....Mrs. Harry Valentine, who has been very sick, is convalescing.

## YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Panis Hall, Mrs. Gains Williams, Mrs. Lemuel Stewart, Mrs. G. M. Fagan and Mrs. Charles Stewart are on the sick list....Buckeye Lodge No. 73 of Elks will give a reception in their club rooms Wednesday evening, April 28...Mrs. J. H. Canada, of Austinburg, Ohio, spent Sunday with her husband...Mrs. James Mealey fell off the porch last week and cut her face...Miss Lula B. Crosby and Robert Docket were married by Rev. Smith Thursday evening at the parsonage...Mrs. Will Jones, Miss Rhoda Holmes, Mrs. Will Green are improving...Logan Lodge K. of P. No. 4 met in regular meeting Wednesday evening, which was well attended...A number of the friends of Mrs. John Cromwell gave a surprise party on her Tuesday. The event was an enjoyable one and was spent in music and games...The members of the Oak Hill avenue Missionary Society met Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Rayfords in regular session. The next meeting will be May 1....The improvement Club of the A. M. E. Church met at the residence of Mrs. Anna Hudson Thursday evening and gave a surprise party in honor of Mrs. Etta Lincoln, the founder and ex-president of the club. Music and games were the feature of the evening and lunch was served...Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, of Parmlee, are rejoicing over a girl...West Williams is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Westly Williams of Foster street...Douglas Whitehead has a sprained ankle...Mrs. W. C. Scott, of Cleveland, spent a week with relatives...Mrs. W. J. Hicks is improving....Frank Barrett, of Alliance, spent a few days with relatives in this city...Charles Green, of Ashtabula, was in the city this week.

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THE STAGE
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Tim Owsley is going big on the Pacific slope.

The Arntes, Billy and Gracie, are still abroad and meeting with much success.

Jackson Brothers and Dabney are a new team, doing an instrumental and vocal musical act.

"The Smart Set," headed by S. H. Dudley, have opened an engagement at Chicago this week.

P. G. Lowery, of the Lowery-Morgan Minstrels, is the guest of friends in the city this week.

John W. Dennis would like to hear from Fount B. Wood at his home address, Hazen, Ark., Box 54.

William McPherson, of the Gotham-Attucks Musical Company, will manage a quartet to appear in vaudeville.

Miss Ella Douglas, singing soubrette, will be working at the Washington Theater, Chicago, with the Washington Stock Company, beginning Monday, April 12.

Paul Carter closed rather suddenly in Columbus, Ga., March 29, and Messrs. Moppin, Dotson, Norton and La Rose desire to hear from him concerning financial matters.

Lew Kenner and his comedy company gave an interesting program to the patrons of the Dixie Park, New Orleans, last Sunday night.

The champion Deweys defeated the Valley boys at the Oleander baseball park, New Orleans, Sunday, by a close margin, the score being 11 to 10.

Moss and Frye have closed their season with Mahara's Minstrels, and are en route East. Best wishes to the profession. Permanent address, 625 Charlotte street, Kansas City, Mo.

Emanuel Williams and Frank Welch are making a big hit with their latest pigeons' tricks, and send their regards to Pewee Williams and all friends in and out of the profession.

A California paper speaks of Sarah Green as another "Black Patti." It is a great compliment to the singer and is deserved, because Miss Green is one of our greatest warblers.

Seven young Filipinos are the members of a band who play at the Saratoga Hotel Restaurant, Chicago, Ill., receiving $1,000 per month. They have purchased a residence in Chicago.

Sidney Kirk, the tenor singer, of this city, closed with the Richards & Pringle's Minstrels Sunday night, at Quincy, Ill., and has returned to the city for an extended visit with his mother.

The Lincoln Park, New Orleans, opened up under favorable circumstances, with a large attendance. The show, under the management of Prof. Allen, did credit to itself and was satisfactory to the public. Wm. Payton is manager and H. Cailloux is secretary and treasurer of the Park.

Hackles and Davis, with their singing, talking and dancing act, have just closed six successful weeks at the Idle Hour Theater, Petersburg, Va., and are now open for all engagements. Regards to Pearl Moppin, Paul Carter and all friends. Home address, 506 Myrtle avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Taylor's Kentucky Minstrels are showing at the Grand Union Theater, Suffolk, Va., this week. Clemo Harris is contortionist, acrobatic iron-jawed comedian; Harrie Haynes, monologue comedian; Charles F. Taylor, eccentric comedian; Evon Robinson, Daisy Garrett, Daisy Miller, Olivia Butler. Griffith B. Wilson, stage manager.

## ROYAL THEATER AT CHICAGO.

The Duncan Clark Amusement Company are still doing a big business at the Royal Theater, 3206 State street, Chicago, under the management of Eddie Foy Elliott. The bill this week includes the Single Beller Starks, comedians; Miss Theresa Schnerman, illustrated singer and clever pianist; Brown and Sandifer, comedians that make you laugh. Eddie Foy wishes to hear from all professional friends. Will be at River View Exposition all summer. Next week comes Lew Brown, the Black Angel, and the Creole Minstrel Girls.

## THE SELLS-FLOTO CIRCUS.

We opened in Denver on the 29th, and played there one week at the largest amphitheater in the West. The roster is as follows: Prof. Bismarck Ferris, band leader and clarionetist; Aaron Thompson and Ben Jackson, cornets; R. N. Everly, melophone; Elbert Goins, britone; Fred Garland, Vernie Johnson, trombones; Frank Castry, tuba; Dick Thomas and Ostell Sallard, drums. The ladies of the company are Ethel Chappelle and Mrs. Hattie Garland. Dick Thomas, the old veteran minstrel man, is stage manager.

## MAJESEIC THEATER, VICKSBURG, MISS.

Ed F. Peat is back this week, and the show is going fine. We have a little concert now, and change every two weeks from one town to another. The towns are Vicksburg, Jackson, Yazoo and Shreveport, La. Mr. Will Whitlow is our pianist, and Mrs. Mamie Whitlow is also here this week from Memphis. Sam Russell, J. J. Perry, Maud Perry and Ed F. Peat send their best regards to Chintz Moore, Sam Davis, Arthur L. Prince, Toney Ridley, Tim Owsley and Billy Young.

## CARTER'S JUBILEE SINGERS.

Carter's Jubilee Singers were in the city last week, en route to Crawfordsville from the East; they played a one-night stand in that city. The company is made up of W. R. Carter, Silas Frazier, J. R. Douglass, J. R. Manning, Mrs. Gertrude Frazier and Mrs. Bertha Wilson. The show will close May 15. For next season three companies will be out on the road. Two will do the extreme West, while the other will cover the middle Western States. The headquarters will be 3403 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

## "A RABBIT'S FOOT" COMPANY.

This company will open its season at Waycross, Ga., on April 19, with forty people. This company will be larger, stronger and better in every way, as it has two of the finest cars on the road today, has a good, strong fourteen-piece band, and a brand new tent, which is a three-pole top with a seating capacity of 2,000. The roster of "A Rabbit's Foot" is as follows: Pat Chappelle, owner and general manager; L. W. Chappelle, assistant manager; J. E. Chappelle, boss canvasman; Mrs. R. A. Chappelle, secretary and stenographer; C. E. McPherson, first advance agent, thirty-day man; William E. Davis and Rigdon Horton, bill posters and distributors, travel ten days in advance. Roster of company performers: Willie Glen, Mack Allen, Will Walker, John Henry Jackson, Comedian George Freeman, Mrs. Effie Perkins, Bill Thompson, Joe Means, Essie Jones, Dick Williams, Bessie Jones. Roster of band: R. J. Anderson, bandmaster, cornet; N. E. Perkins, cornet; Sam Stevens, cornet; Harry Lewis, violin and clarinet; Fred Knewly, clarinet; L. Normon, melliphone; Warren Thorn, alto; Jesse Reeves, slide trombine; Pelson Dillon, trombone; J. M. Gayles, baritone; Walter Gordon, tuba; William Brown, snare drum and traps; Joe Means, bass drum; Louis Finly, night foreman and spealer. This company has been rehearsing now for four weeks, and will be a winner from start to finish, with so many new faces this year.

## PEKIN THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

A crowded house greeted the Pekin Stock Company Sunday night, to witness Mr. Frank Hendon's new two-act farce, "Wednesday Afternoon Girls." The songs were liberally applauded, and the acting by the company was good. Mr. Elmore Taylor was really funny. He handled the character of the illiterate Negro in a capable manner, and got all the fun that was to be gotten out of his part. His song, "There Was Trouble in Old Darktown," received several encores. Miss Waneta Wilson's song, "Shine on, Harvest Moon," was well received. Miss Mayers suffered from a cold; still she pleased her audience with her song, "Dear." Mr. Hendon scored a hit with his song, "Am Not Shaking That Side." Manager Hendon appears to be coming to the front as an author and producer of genuine Negro comedy, and it is safe to say that crowded houses will be the rule again next week.

## BENBOW'S CHOCOLATE DROPS AT PENSACOLA, FLA.

William Benbow and company gave a banquet for the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, Friday night, April 9. They were also entertained by the Pensacola Strollers. Charles Bough, Archie Toney, Henry Kinsie and Dick Morris, committee of arrangements. The two Raneys open with the show on the 7th, and Gertie Raney is making good with her late hit, "If the World Don't Treat You Right, Why Don't You Come Home?" Butler May, our funny man, is still pleasing. Happy Howe and wife are still cleaning. Lizzie White and Minnie Jones are making good. William Henderson, our baritone songster, is still with us and is expecting his wife, Mrs. Buela Henderson, soon, who is at present working at Jacksonville. Mrs. Alberta Benbow is making good with her late hit, "I'm Glad I'm Married." Our manager, M. Jacoby, always wears a smile on his face, and says it is his heart's delight to pay his people. Prof. Noner Barras has charge of the music. William Benbow is stage manager.

## LINCOLN THEATER, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

The Lincoln Theater closed April 10 for the summer season. Mr. Johnson, proprietor, is to begin the erection of a new theater for the colored people of Knoxville immediately. Since the reopening of the Lincoln, December 14, 1908, with Mr. S. Tutt Writney installed as director of amusements, the theater has had sixteen weeks of unqualified success. Mr. Whitney and his brother Homer have been highly commended for the superior standard of the entertainments they have produced, and for the gentlemanly deportment. They leave in Knoxville a host of friends, all wishing them success in their future undertakings.

S. Tutt Whitney and members of the Lincoln Stock Company were tendered a delightful banquet Friday evening, April 9, by Alex. Falls and Albert Johnson, proprietors of the Knoxville Cafe. A grand carnival ball was also given in honor of the company, April 10, by Prof. Link Sliger and Albert Smith.

## ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

We are still in Alabama, and business continues very good.

Pearl Moppin received his gold trombone on the 7th from Holton's factory. At the same time Ellwood Johnson received his gold trumpet-model cornet, also Horton make, thus making our whole cornet section all gold. With the advent of these two instruments our band has a complete set of the very finest instruments of any traveling band, barring none, the full set costing a slight margin over $1,300.

Mr. Norris Griggsby, of Corsicana, Tex., monologue comedian and robust basso, joined April 9 in Anniston, Ala.

H. S. Smoth sends regards to Charles Beechum and wife.

Jimmie Wise takes two and three encores nightly, singing "Oh, What a Time." The audiences seem never to tire of hearing it. Regards to Billy Richardson.

Mr. Quine, our genial manager, who is known as "G. W.," is well pleased with the show and band, and his face is continually wreathed in the smile that won't come off.

Prof. McCammon expects at an early date to add two reeds to his superb concert band, thus completing one of the very finest minstrel bands traveling. Theodore Adams, write.

## GOOD NEWS TO OUR COLORED POPULATION OF JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Messrs. Joel & Glickstein, two of our enterprising and energetic white citizens and friends, are now having erected on the best lot in the city a magnificent air dome for colored people only, same to cast several thousand dollars to complete. It will be finished on or about May 1, and on May 3 will be the opening night. The colored people of this vicinity will no doubt show their high appreciation by a very liberal attendance. Messrs. Joel & Glickstein propose to give them the best that money can get in the vaudeville line. They have advertised throughout the country for high-class performers, and are willing to pay the price in order to give their patrons a show that will be a credit to Jacksonville and its citizens. They have an ad elsewhere in this issue, which will no doubt pay all performers that are seeking employment to read and get in communication with them immediately. THE FREEMAN joins with thousands of our friends, and wishes for the new enterprise of Jacksonville a great success.

## "BLACK PATTI."

"Black Patti" is scoring a great success on the Pacific slope. She appeared recently at the American Theater in San Francisco. The papers gave her company a big send-off. The Call said of her:

"Sissieretta Jones still remains the 'Black Patti,' and can not be excelled by many sopranos of lighter shade in the interpretation of those songs which appeal directly to the heart. Miss Jones can warble some, too, and sings operatic arias with musical taste and artistic effect. She heads 'The Blackville Strollers' at the American Theater, and alone is easily worth the price to hear when she sings the 'Suwanee River' melody with much fervor. She invites the tribute of tears.

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"It led off with Tim Owsley, because he is the big hit of the piece. His fun is of the noisy, obvious order, but it is pervaded by a sensitiveness and an appreciation for humor which are rarely encountered in a comedian, black or white. He succeeds in imitating a Negro with remarkable fidelity to our ideas of the race, and could scarcely be better. Some comic songs of his are particularly good, and in his burlesque scene with Charles Bougia he was a great jet joke.

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"You will be surprised when you hear Sarah Green sing. In another company, which did not boast of a 'Black Patti,' she would fill the bill nicely. Her voice is quite free from that strident character which the voices of most Negresses exhibit, and she is a graceful dancer, too."

## RAMBLING.

When the actors begin to stroll in and loll about, it's a sure sign that the season is breaking up, taking a change, or something of that kind. A band of players struck in Indianapolis this week, where they have been doing the "atween"-theacts act. It was Lowery and Morgan's minstrel aggregation, which has been doing a splendid business up until the close of the season. P. G. came along with the bunch. He and his company are a prosperous looking set—genteel, refined fellows, who love their chief, proving it by sticking to him year after year. Lowery will not rest long. Already he is preparing to go with the well-known Wallace & Hagenbeck shows, which have been wintering at Peru, Ind.

Speaking of the next season's theatrical work, Mr. Lowery says that the prospects for next season are brighter than ever. A special car is being built for the company. He expects the company to be on the road about the 1st of November.

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Among the Lowery and Morgan people is James W. Hall, baritone. He has been with the company since 1901. His long-continued engagements are evidence of the success he is meeting up with. Hall is of fine proportions for a singer, and easily looks the artist. He is of excellent stage presence. He will continue next season in his present company; in fact, has no disposition to change. During the summer he will be with the Wallace & Hagenbeck shows.

Billy May is one of Lowery's men who has been doing Indianapolis for a few days preparatory to joining Wallace & Hagenbeck's shows. May does bass in the band, and is also an all-around showman. His usefulness and value to Mr. Lowery will be noted when it is known that he has been with him for ten years.

Tony Barefield is also whiling away a few idle hours in this city while waiting for the big circus to start up. He has been with Lowery since 1905, and is more proof of the fact that his men have great regard for him. In fact, the company appears a great big family, with no very recent accessions to its roll.

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The Beechums, Charles and Blanche, are an Indianapolis pair. They do team work in Lowery's company as comedy sketch artists. They have been heard in Indianapolis, where they scored a big success. They are a hit, giving entire satisfaction to the theatrical public and to the proprietors.

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There are a few women in the Lowery and Morgan combination, but they are rather difficult to draw a bead on. One dainty little creature about two and a half feet long stuck her head in the FREEMAN office door and fairly warbled, "Is Mr. Lowery here?" Upon my word, 'twas all she said. Not the slightest obeisance made she, as Edgar Allen Poe would say. And on that very account the little creature became interestingly interesting. On asking after her, I found that she had the very strangest kind of theatrical history. Carrie Gilbert, for that's her name, began as a cook with Mr. Lowery. Asked that she might merely cook for the actors, to serve them, to wait on them. Nothing wrong about that. But what humility! Then permit me to philosophize: Where there is soul-prompted humility, there are some other great compensating qualities. The little lady's history furnishes a most beautiful text. There, then again, are equating conditions that restore the harmony of the individual to accord with the spheres.

Now the sequel: Miss Gilbert managed to get into the chorus ranks, where she excelled. Then she was given acting parts, and when the show quit for the season Miss Gilbert was starring in the last act. It was the evolution of Miss Gilbert, but she had the qualities, and was not to be retarded. She will rest until the Lowery and Morgan theatrical business begins next season.

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Will Smith, formerly with the Pekin in Chicago, was recently in Indianapolis. Since he had active service with the Pekin, he has been a promoter, establishing five-cent show houses in cities where colored people live in large numbers; he reported having established one in Cincinnati, and was in Indianapolis looking over the situation, having in mind opening a house. He was not particularly impressed, since one show on Indiana avenue, the most popular thoroughfare for colored people, failed to make it some months ago. But that was some time ago, when the business was quite new. The people were not educated up to the theaterettes, or the samples theaters, that have since proven so popular. Mr. Smith did not give out a final word as to his intentions. He might go farther and fare worse. In other words, Indianapolis might prove a big thing.

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Looking over "Black Patti's" program in California, I note the name of Gus Hall. Gus Hall—old Gus! Been afraid to ask about him in recent days, for fear he might not be on this side of the great divide. But he is alive and doing well, and with his favorite company. Hall belongs to what may be called the medieval age of colored actors. Not the beginners, nor the more recent ones, but he is of those who began some twelve or fifteen years ago. He was theatrical by nature, was a natural musician, and an every-day wit. He is most too full of fun to essay the serious. I saw him act policeman, and he actually laughed roguishly at what he was doing. Of course, he turned his head aside. I told him about it. He said the manager had to watch him to keep him from laughing. Of course, this was his home, where he would do much that was not on the bills, such as winking at those who knew him. He was appointed a real policeman once—temporarily, in an emergency. When he saw me coming he put his hands over his mouth and fairly bent double laughing at his job. He imagined every one was looking at him with aht great long coat on and the big helmet hat, when he felt and acted as a boy. Gus was simply a man in age and size; he was a boy, and is to-day. He is a good baritone singer, and was seen at his best when some years ago he sang lead in a character sketch, representing natives of some outlandish race. Indianapolis will be pleased to lay eyes once more on Gus.

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Charles S. Sager. Well, that name sounds refreshing, indeed. And who more than I should have reason to remember Sager? It is a long story. Really, it would fill a fair-sized book. He came from the West, somewhere; but I met him right in the middle of the Mississippi river. Some time afterward he came to Indianapolis, where he, under the auspices of the K. P.'s, put on a mammoth production in this city at one of the best theaters. It was the event of the time as a local happening. "The Negro" was the name of the play. But I said that I met him in the middle of the Mississippi river. Further explanation is due, or I will not be understood.

Doing some work for the newspaper, I had moved on to Quincy, Ill., where I liked to have fallen in the Mississippi from sheer delight. Sager is the theme, but this is the preface. Being very impressionable, the Mississippi, the Ohio, the Atlantic, the Pacific sounded like Jupiter, Venus, Mars, Cæsar to most people. Some white gentleman sitting behind me when on the road to Quincy said, in a rather dramatic tone: "This is the Mississippi." He must have also been impressionable. It sounded as if he made the announcement for my benefit. I accepted it that way, and felt secretly thankful to him. But really he didn't have me in mind; it answered the same purpose, however.

In Quincy, having done Quincy, I concluded to take in Keokuk, Iowa, a short distance up the river. I was delighted to find myself all alone, as I thought, running back and forth, upstairs and downstairs, here, there, everywhere, with no sense of dignity or restraint, since it was the only kind of outing that I expected. But I had a FREEMAN in my pocket; it was my undoing. In chasing about I heard the startling cry: "Mr. Freeman! Oh, Mr. Freeman!" I thought it a delusion; but no. Again the call: "Oh, Mr. Freeman!" I turned and saw one of the most pleasing young men I ever met in my life. It was Charles S. Sager, playwright, actor, manager. He had been doing the West with more or less success. On asking him how he knew me, he said that he knew the FREEMAN, and on seeing the paper sticking out of my pocket, thought that I was a correspondent or had connection with the publication in some way. Sager was genial, of good education, and well versed in his profession—an all-around theatrical man. He was rather elegant, could do comedy, did do comedy, but he preferred, I think, the dramatic. He could dance well; danced neatly—in short, impressed one as a gentleman actor in a different sense to many others. That is to say, he was particularly refined, on or off the stage; he did not have any letting-down places.

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Sager is now of the novelty producers and promoters of Winnipeg, Manitoba. From all indications, he is meeting with success. His wife will be remembered in Indianapolis, who was formerly Miss Willa Johnson.

## A. B. C.'S WIN FIRST GAME TASTE TELLS THE SECOND

### First Game of the Season Brings Out Big Crowd at Northwestern Ball Park Sunday Afternoon.

By HARRY W. JACKSON.

Six hundred persons saw the A. B. C.'s and Taste Tells clash in a double-header Sunday. These two games were the first that either team has played this season, and in view of this fact the game was unusually fast. The A. B. C.'s won the first game by a score of 5 to 4. The alphabet boys began the game, and season as fell, by forcing three men over home plate, and then added one each in the second and ninth inning. The T. T.'s censured Dunn, their catcher, for their losing the game, as the winning run was scored at the cost of an error on his part. Mason, with an easy swing, sent the ball to left field for a home run. Griffin pitched four innings, in which the T. T.'s chalked up two runs, but not before four of them had fanned the wind.

The second game went to the T. T.'s in the fourth inning, when second baseman Cook sent the sphere over right field fence while two men were on bases, scoring three runs. Talbott and Primm were the battery for the "Ranites" and Mason and Dunn for the white boys. Only seven innings were played. Blankenship umpired both games.

The T. T.'s will play the Kokomo Cubs to-morrow at Northwestern Park.

The score:

FIRST GAME.

| A. B. C.'s. | R. | H. | O. | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allen, 3 b. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Primm, c. | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Gordon, c. | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Shawler, l. f. | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hutchinson, s. s. | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Herron, c. f. | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Merida, 2 b. | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Board, 1 b. | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Davis, r. f. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Griffin, p. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Higbee, p. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 5 | 6 | 27 | 13 | 1 |

| T. T.'s. | R. | H. | O. | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spillman, s. s. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Cook, 2 b. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Mason, c. f. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Leslie, 1 b. | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Buck, r. f. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Powell, 3 b. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Dobbins, l. f. | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Dunn, c. | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 1 |
| Hughes, p. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Totals | 4 | 4 | *26 | 15 | 5 |

Score by innings:
A. B. C.'s . 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—5
T. T.'s . . . 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0—4
*Two out when winning run was scored.

SUMMARY.

Innings Pitched—Griffin, 4; Higbee, 5; Hughes, 9.
Base Hits Made—Off Griffin, 2; off Higbee, 2; off Hughes, 6.
Bases on Balls—Griffin, 1; Higbee, 1; Hughes, 3.
Struck Out—By Griffin, 4; by Higbee, 3; by Hughes, 8.
Hit by Pitcher—Higbee, Mason (2), Powell.
Two-base Hits—Herron, Davis, Cook.
Home Run—Cook.
Double Plays—Hughes to Leslie to Powell (2); Mason to Leslie.
Stolen Bases—Allen, Davis, Mason, Dobbins.
Passed Balls—Dunn (2).
Umpires—Fouce, Blankenship.
Time—1:55.
Attendance—600.

SECOND GAME.

| A. B. C.'s. | R. | H. | O. | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allen, 3 b. | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Primm, c. | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Shawler, l. f. | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hutchinson, s. s. | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Herron, c. f. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Merida, 2 b. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Board, 1 b. | 0 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 0 |
| Davis, r. f. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Talbott, p. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 2 | 5 | 21 | 9 | 2 |

| T. T.'s. | R. | H. | O. | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spillman, s. s. | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Cook, 2 b. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Hughes, c. f. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Leslie, 1 b. | 1 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| Buck, r. f. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Powell, 3 b. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Dunn, c. | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Mason, p. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Dobbins, l. f. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 3 | 7 | 21 | 12 | 3 |

Score by innings:
A. B. C.'s . . . . . . 0 0 1 0 0 1 0—2
T. T.'s . . . . . . . . 0 0 0 3 0 0 0—3

SUMMARY.

Innings Pitched—Talbott, 7; Mason, 7.
Base Hits—Off Talbott, 7; off Mason, 5.
Base on Balls—Off Talbott, 1.
Struck Out—By Talbott, 5; by Mason, 1.
Two-base Hits—Talbott, Board.
Home Run—Leslie.
Double Plays—Allen to Board; Board to Allen to Merida.
Stolen Bases—Merida, Buck, Dobbins.
Umpire—Blankenship.
Attendance—600.

## BASEBALL SUNDAY AT LOUISVILLE.

A crowd of 2,000 fans saw the L. C.'s present a would-be game of baseball to the White Sox. The home boys started off as if they intended to play a real game, but went up in the air in the fifth inning, and allowed the Sox to make three runs, and didn't make a hit. The general belief is that the Cubs is the better team. West should have won his game. His work in the box was almost perfect, and he was ably assisted by Collins. To make a long story short, West, Collins and Watson were the only ones that really played ball. The score:

L. C. . . . . . . 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—3
W. S. . . . . . 0 0 0 0 3 3 0 1 0—7

Batteries—West and Collins; Newcomb and Dugan. Errors—Cubs, 9; W. S., 5. Hits—Off West, 4; off Dugan, 6; off Martin, 1. Two-base hits—Watson, Deamus. Struck out—By West, 7; by Martin, 1. Passed ball—Dugan, 1. Hit by pitcher—Martin, 1; West, 1; Newcomb, 1. Bases on balls—Off Dugan, 2; off Martin, 1. Time of game—2:10. Umpire—Nutter. Attendance—2,000.

And Lola! Ugh! ugh! ugh! Nuff sed.

Jesse Briscoe's fielding average in two games is 000!

The Freeman would like to hear from the Hoffman Blues.

Oh! Oh! Oh my! but Deamus was r—. Say, old boy, get in the game. We are all for you if you will only play ball.

We hear that Tom Means, of the Chicago Unions, will be given a trial by the L. C.'s. Hope you make good, Tommy, old boy.

There never was a player that worked harder than West. He had perfect control and fielded his position in a perfect manner.

Ball players are much pleased over the new scoring rule allowing them a stolen base in case a battery error is made after the runner has started down the line.

You can't stay up booze-grafting until 3 a. m. and expect to play first-class ball the next day. You must stop one or the other. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

Next Sunday the Waldorfs, of Cincinnati, will play the Cubs. This is one of the best semi-professional teams in Ohio. It has Grant and Foster and several other stars.

When Robinson missed that little fly, Sunday, several fans went into hysterics. Robinson is a good, reliable player. It is all right, old boy; we all have bad luck sometimes.

When God made man He gave him two hands. They were made for him to use. Now, when you work, use both hands. That is what you have got them for. You all know what I mean.

Watson's one error was on a very difficult ball. The boy goes after everything, and his work around third base stamps him as one of the best colored third basemen in the country. Keep up your good work, old boy. The Freeman appreciates it.

## LOUISVILLE TEAMS LOSE

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 14.—Colored baseball was opened here last Sunday, April 11, with a very large crowd to see the Louisville Giants and the Atkins, a semi-professional white team of Indianapolis, play for the honors. It was an unlucky day for the Giants, the Cubs and the Louisville teams. Not a home team won a game. The State of Indiana won all the honors. The occasion marked the opening of Lancaster's Park, Twenty-eighth street and Broadway.

There was a great rush for tickets, because the Negroes of this city realized that the Louisville Giants was a team that was owned and controlled by colored people. Long before the game started hundreds of people were present to see the Giants and the visitors work out. The Atkins outplayed the Giants at the bat. Hill, the pitcher for the Giants, struck out eight men. Dallas, of the Giants, made a hit every time, and also two double plays at third. Walton made some fine plays, and is now known as one of the crack players around the Falls City.

The game was fast and interesting up to the eighth inning, and the Giants had a splendid chance to get even with the visitors at the rate they were going, but the Atkins batted the ball so strong and the hits were so clean that they brought in seven straight scores. Costly errors cost the Giants the loss of the game. At any rate, the Giants have one of the best teams they have ever had. It only needs strength in left field and at first base. Word comes to me from Manager Ed Lancaster that these places will be filled by Sunday, and the team will be in first-class working order on Sunday coming, when they are to play the famous A. B. C.'s of Indianapolis.

The wind on Sunday was very strong. It seemed that a cyclone had just passed across the diamond, as the dust would ascend, but this did not deter the ball players or the spectators.

Captain Pugh, who now has charge of the men, stated to-day that his men only need a little more practice, and that every day he would have them out bright and early, getting in form for the A. B. C.'s. The coming contest is creating a great deal of interest in Louisville. The ball fans know the A. B. C.'s, and no doubt one of the largest crowds of the season will witness this game. They are coming to repeat what the Atkins did last Sunday, but, with new additions to the Giants, the game will be more exciting, and closer will be the contest throughout the innings.

The most encouraging feature of the game to the spectators was the lack of foolishness on the part of the colored boys. They were down at the game at every point. There was no mimickry. They gave the people their money's worth, and this will go a long way in attracting large crowds on every Sundty. The score:

Atkins . . . 5 0 1 0 0 0 7 0 *—13
Giants . . . 0 2 1 1 0 0 0 2—6

The A. B. C.'s play the Giants Sunday and Monday. CARY B. LEWIS.

## ROUTES.

"A RABBIT'S FOOT" COMPANY—Waycross, Ga., April 19; Jessup, 20; Baxley, 21; Lumber City, 22; Hawkinsville, 23; Dublin, 24; Macon, 26; Jackson, 27; McDoneugh, 28; Griffin, 29.

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Harper, Hamp
Haglin, John
Johnson, E. A.
Jones, Will.
Johnson, Matt
Jones, Simon
Kirk, Frank
Mason, Elvis
Moppin, Pearl.
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# SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON.

A TRIBUTE TO BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

O "Moses of the Negro race,"
  Much honor is thy due.
In thee hath littleness no place,
  For thou art brave and true.
To fight 'gaint ignorance and sin,
  To lead thy people through,
To rout the enemy within,
  Is praise enough for you.
You toil and dig while others sleep,
  Or envy you your fame.
You push ahead tho' others weep,
  Well earning your great name.
You to the noble class belong,
  Of Douglass and of Payne,
And others, battling against the wrong,
  Whose courage did not wane.
Long live thou, hero, brother, friend!
  The Negro's pride to be,
To toil undaunted till the end
  For noble Tuskegee.
    —Mrs. Susie Isabella Shorter,
  Wilberforce, Greene County, Ohio.

Don't believe all you hear.

Dame Rumor is usually a liar.

The colored Taftites proved themselves good guessers, at any rate.

Nothing but poor sermons can be expected from a poorly-paid preacher.

Let us insist that Liberia remain the foster-child of the American government.

William Howard Taft is letting the world know who is President of the United States.

The Washington Herald has "passed up" Auditor Ralph W. Tyler as a proposition "tto hot to handle."

The United States should have no hesitancy about applying the "Monroe doctrine" to Liberia, whose capital is Monrovia.

The situation is rounding out in good shape for a great meeting of the National Negro Business League in Louisville next August.

Former President Roosevelt still manages to hold first-page newspaper space, and occupies the center of a spotlight all his own.

North Carolina, Texas, Florida and Kentucky are bidding for a "Booker T. Washington tour," a la Mississippi and South Carolina.

If Jack Johnson is to face Jim Jeffries in the ring, somebody had better keep a sharp lookout for loaded dice, marked cards and knockout drops.

There is a decided lull in the intermarriage of Negro men and white women in the District of Columbia. The Chinamen are getting their turn now at the miscegenation game.

Here's to the health of Ernest Hogan, the "unbleached American"! We join with the entire country in wishing for him a speedy return to the stage he has elevated and adorned.

Tuberculosis was given some additional jolts at the Tuskegee Negro Farmers' Conference, and the campaign against the "white plague" in the Black Belt received a decided impetus.

A Baltimore Jew is financing a bank for the benefit of Negro depositors and borrowers. With what race will this institution be rated by the solons of the National Negro Business League?

Some people with long memories are worrying certain hot-foot candidates for office by recalling the uncomplimentary things they said concerning Judge Taft and his friends last spring.

The Liberian Commission people are a "swell" crowd. We see visions of gold lace, glittering swords, silk hats and swallow-tail coats galore! The Black Republic cannot fail to sit up and take notice.

In Boston, during the Lincoln centenary period, Dr. Booker T. Washington was entertained at luncheon by Bernard J. Rothwell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and other prominent Bostonians.

The great baseball leagues are admitting Indians as players. The Negro, who can play the gace all around the red man when it comes to real science, is still barred. But just "bide a wee and dinna fret." We'll get there.

Dr. Radcliffe, a leading Washington preacher, says the two prime requisites of a well-ordered household are: first, a good table, to keep the body in prime condition; second, a rod, for the preservation of authority. There is food for thought in this suggestion.

Practical sympathy in the shape of dollars—as well as kindly words—will go out to the managers of Kowaliga Institute, which was almost totally destroyed by fire a short time ago. The school was a child of Tuskegee, and was one of the most promising in the South.

The Defender, published at Sumter, S. C., by W. T. Andrews, is one of the ablest papers in the South. It has for its motto "It is better to fight for the good than to rail at the ill," which indicates that Lawyer and Editor Andrews has a level head on his broad shoulders.

The Black Republic of Liberia has crowded Haiti out of the spotlight, and is even endangering the primacy of the so-called race problem indigenous to these shores. History is being made so rapidly nowadays tthat no one issue can occupy the public mind long at a time.

Will the South remain in the background commercially, politically and intellectually in order to keep the Negro back, or will it go forward and permit the black man to go with it? This is the chiefest of the great problems the land of Dixie will be called upon to solve in the next four or eight years.

One of the important bulletins published through the Farmers' Conference at Tuskegee is one entitled "When Young People Should Marry." It is to be hoped that this bulletin answers the question in a manner that will satisfy both the parents and the high contracting parties at the psychological moment.

The Senators who worried the most over the constitutional "evasion" which permitted Philander Chase Knox to become Secretary of State are quite complacent in the face of the South's flagrant violations of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. Consistency, thou are indeed a jewel!

We see no reason why the job held by a white man should not look as good to the colored office-seeker as the one held by a Negro. The displacement of one Negro for another may work benefit to the individual who secures it, but the race gains nothing, if the previous incumben thas been delivering the goods capably.

It was peculiarly fitting that Isaiah T. Montgomery, a former slave of Jefferson Davis, and founder of the most remarkable municipality built up exclusively by the emancipated race, should be the principal representative of the Negro at the laying of the corner-stone of a memorial building on the spot where Lincoln was born at Hodgenville, Ky.

The A. M. E. Church Review, of which the astute Prof. W. H. Kealing is editor, made a wise move in securing a home beneath the roof of the A. M. E. Sunday-school Union at Nashville. While the genial and accomplished Manager Ira T. Bryant is keeping "open house," it would be wise for the Christian Recorder to follow suit.

Maybe the captious critics will understand that all "Black Cabinets" are not related to the Russian institution of the same name; nor do all "Wizards" dabble in the "black art." Some of us go far out of our way to find fault and to make invidious comparisons, when the "soft answer that turneth away wrath" would serve our purpose much better.

The idea that "a public office is a public trust" and not a private snap does not prevail among the hungry and thirsty eleventh-hour Taftites. They want the seats which the originals seized at the first hour and held, despite abuse and revilings at the hands of the publicans and the sinners, who have since been converted and put to work in the master's vineyard.

Charles Stewart and D. Webster Davis are the "Twin Dromios" of the Afro-American lecture platform. They seldom appear in the same section of the country at the same time, for fear the Republic might become unbalanced and topple into the sea. While Stewart is "homologating" in the chicken belt of Texas, Davis is "salucifying" to the solons who infest the nation's capital.

The subscriber to funds for Y. M. C. A.'s, industrial schools, relief of Liberia, the Douglass Home, or any other fund, should be proceeded against in court, just the same as you would for any other legitimate debt. Hypocrites who promise a big sum in public for the sake of notoriety should be unmasked, and made to dig down into their jeans and "make good." They are "undesirable citizens."

Cardinal Gibbons' one speech condemning the proposed disfranchising amendment in Maryland seals the fate of that infamous measure. Maryland is a Catholic State, and the opinion of His Eminence has the effect of law, so fair, so broad and so free from prejudice is he upon all questions touching church or state. At the risk of being undignified, we want to say that Cardinal Gibbons is "all right."

O. M. Goude, who has been the mainstay of the Newport News (Va.) Star in its mechanical department, and who has been reared to the crawt by the veteran, Col. Matt N. Lewis, has been given entire control of the plant which publishes the Star and carries on the extensive job printing business of the New Era Company. The Star and its associated interests represent a vital force in the Tidewater section of Virginia.

Prof. W. S. Scarborough, the scholarly president of Wilberforce University, was one of the diners at the Union League Club in Chicago last week. This is one of the millionaire associations in that city, and an invitation to its annual functions is highly prized by the exclusive set of the intellectual and commercial life of the Illinois metropolis. Prof. Scarborough attended in company with two of the members of the club who were his classmates at Oberlin College.

For retention as Recorder of Deeds in and for the District of Columbia John C. Dancy has the united support of the responsible heads of the A. M. E. Zion Church, representing a constituency of 600,000; of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, with a following of 400,000; and of the United Order of True Reformers, representing a membership of 80,000. Besides this, Mr. Dancy has the office—and possession is still regarded in legal circles as nine points of the law. It may be well for aspirants to bear these things in mind.

A visit to the South is as educational in character to the Northerner who comes as the lecture of the Northerner is informing to the denizens of the Southland. This is the view taken by Hamilton Holt, managing editor of the broad-visioned New York Independent, who recently addressed the Tuskegee Negro Conference and Workers' Conference on "The Federation of the World." Mr. Holt has traveled much and is a member of the General Peace Committee. He represented the Independent at the latest Peace Conference at The Hague.

The N. B. Dodson syndicate is furnishing some excellent plate matter for the colored newspapers, and from the number of subscribers that are being supplied, the venture seems to be a financial success. The American Press Association is backing the enterprise, and the subjects treated cover the most important current doings of the best Negroes of the country. It is a vast improvement over the "patent insides" which have been running for lo these many years in 90 per cent. of our journals, and bids fair to revolutionize the "boiler plate" industry as far as the race business is concerned.

Mr. J. N. Brown, of the Norfolk Lodge Journal and Guide, has demonstrated that editors are financially able to get married—sometimes—and that there are charming girls who are willing to risk their life's happiness with them. Miss Florence Hodges, one of Virginia's fairest maidens, has done herself proud in thus honoring a thoughtful and progressive young man, and the entire journalistic craft feels itself under personal obligations to her for this practical demonstration of confidence and esteem. Our chapeau is doffed, and we bow as gracefully as physical limitations will permit.

The St. Louis Palladium, referring to the offer recently made to John A. Lankford by the United States government of a position to be one of the constructing engineers on the Panama canal, says: "He has also been prominently spoken of by his many friends throughout the country as being the supervising architect of the Treasury under the new administration. Uncle Sam would do well if this competent young Negro would fill either of these two positions. But we hope, however, that Mr. Lankford will not accept any position under the United States government. He is too bright a young man. The business, educational and religious institutions need his services, and he can do a great deal more for his race and mankind in the sphere in which he is now."

## PEORIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Ward Chapel choir and orchestra, under the direction of Messrs. E. H. Hagan and I. C. Harper, Miss Nettie Summers, organist, will render the following program for the Easter services: 1. Opening hymn, "Hail the Mighty King." 2. Ritual services. 3. Invocation—4. Anthem, "He Is Risen," choir. 5. Sermon, Rev. H. W. Jameson. 6. Anthem, "Let God Arise," choir and orchestra. 7. Solo, "Around the Great White Throne," Miss Eula Irving. 8. Anthem, "Christ Is Risen," choir and orchestra. 9. Anthem, "King of Kings." 10. Voluntary offering. 11. Announcements. 12. Doxology, "America."...Mr. and Mrs. Cotes, who have ben living for some time with Mrs. Jackson on 7th avenue, will soon go to housekeeping on Monson street...Those who called Tuesday afternoon at 201 N. Elizaebth street were presented with cards by the hostess bearing this inscription, "Reunion Meeting of Women's Christian Club, Mrs. Anna R. Fields founder and president. Tuesday afternoon, March 30, 1909. He that doeth the will of God abideth forever.—I John, 2:17. Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.—Ps. 37:4...Both services were well at Ward Chapel Sunday morning and evening...The Forum, postponed March 28 on account of Quarterly meeting, met Sunday, April 4. A musical program was rendered...A large crowd enjoyed the concert given by the 20th Century Club March 30 at Mount Zion Baptist Church. ...Mrs. I. C. Harper will give a supper at her home, 107 Swinnerton street, Tuesday, April 6, for Stewardess Board No. 1. ...The many friends of Mr. Thomas Boone sincerely regret that he is confined at the detention hospital with smallpox, and will be glad to learn that his physician has pronounced his case a light one. Mr. Boone is connected with Ward Chapel Orchestra and will be greatly missed, as they are rehearsing special music for the Easter services.

## FRENCH LICK, IND.

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The new West Baden Baptist Church will be dedicated April 18. All secret organizations have been invited to participate, with Rev. C. H. Parrish, of Louisville, and Rev. C. W. Sims, of French Lick. Rev. J. L. Mason, pastor....Mrs. Sue Guthery has returned from a short visit in Louisville....Mrs. Grant Jordan, of Owensboro, Ky., is visiting friends in French Lick....Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Alexander left for Chicago for an indefinite visit....Mrs. Thomas Cole is convalescing....Mrs. Annie Morgan is in Indianapolis this week....Mrs. Lucindy Jackson has returned from a short trip to Louisville on business....Moses Yancey and Eugene Picken have returned from a brief business trip to Louisville.

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# SUPREME LODGE MEETING

## Preparations for Session at Kansas City, Mo.

By W. G. MOSELY.

Pursuant to call, the general committee having in charge the arrangements for entertaining the Supreme Lodge and Encampment of the Knights of Pythias of N. A., S. A., E., A., A., and A. met on Sunday last at Pythian Hall, 1734 Grand avenue. The mood tended toward the sorrowful and regretful from the fact that the call issued by the secretary set forth that the purpose of the meeting was to act upon the resignation of Dr. J. E. Perry, chairman, which had some days before been placed in the hands of Secretary Hueston with request to forward the same to A. W. Lloyd, Grand Chancellor, of St. Louis, the same to take effect April 4, and a successor be elected in his stead. It had been apparent to those closely associated with him in the work that the Doctor's extensive and growing practice and the arduous strain incident to carrying on the work of the general committee had long ago raised the question in their minds how long he would be able to hold out. Indeed, so arduous had these responsibilities become that the Doctor's health had become a matter of moment, besides the call of the sick was as incessant and urgent as the call of the fraternity, and finally Brother Perry, realizing this, decided with regret to surrender the chairmanship and take care of his practice. The resignation was accepted with the regrets of the entire Pythian host, and a committee was accordingly appointed to draw up suitable resolutions, thanking the retiring chairman for the splendid and untiring service which he had rendered the cause for the past nine months. Hon. Nelson C. Crews was then placed in nomination to complete the work so ably begun by his predecessor, and, under a suspension of the rules, he was unanimously elected, with assurances of the hearty good will and loyal support of all present. Mr. Crews was then escorted to the chair, and in a brief and timely speech pledging to put forth the best efforts within him, accepted the responsibility thus transferred and placed upon his shoulders, and, without a hitch or a break, the work went on.

It may be said in passing that the Knights of Pythias of Kansas City are fortunate indeed to be able to command the service of such a splendid man. Mr. Crews is endowed by nature to be a leader in any great cause. Of noble bearing, physique bordering on the manificent, of diversified talent, an orator of acknowledged ability, an untiring worker for any cause which he may espouse—with such a man in the lead, we feel safe in going before the Pythians of the United States with the assurance that the Supreme session in August will be an unqualified success.

The plan of entertainment will be as elaborate as ingenuity, work and money will make it. It is the well-defined purpose of Kansas City to allow none to go away dissatisfied; every one will be comfortably housed, well fed, and, with a great river running to the north of us, the assurance also goes with what has been said that all those who are inclined to be thirsty will be abundantly able to quench the same. Kansas City's great and famous Colloseum, Convention Hall, has been secured for two nights; the line of entertainments there will be directly under the management of the Military Department, and Major General R. R. Jackson is our authority for saying that the greatest program ever given for anybody anywhere will be witnessed by the visitors and friends those two nights. The first night will consist of competitive drills, closing with the grand military ball; the second night will be musical, and contests between the great aggregation of musicians attending the Supreme Encampment are to be arranged, under the direction of the Major General himself. Electric Park, the white city, one of the greatest and most beautiful places of amusement in this Western country, with the most up-to-date horrors of abject inactivity. Even the boys and girls at vacation time spend many days trying to devise new plans for attractions, has been secured for a day's outing. These features, together with one of the most beautiful and picturesque grounds for the encampment of the Military Department, will make the arrangements as complete as such is possible to be done. It is also planned by the local committee to conduct car parties and automobile parties about the city, in order to give visitors and friends at least a partial notion of the vast business interests and our splendid parkways and boulevards. There will be suburban parties into the country, and river trips by boat excursions at night. The packing industry of this city will be of especial interest to our guests, and the committee will secure tickets of admission to all of those who wish to inspect these mammoth and gigantic industries.

## JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Rollins made a trip to Springfield recently....The pie contest given Tuesday night, March 30, at Bethel A. M. E. Church was largely attended, and a good success. Mrs. Elizabeth Hall won the first prize for the best pie, and Mrs. Carrie Burton the second prize. The solo sung by Thomas Waggoner was very good....The members of the Bethel A. M. E. Church are in the midst of a big rally, hoping to raise $1,000 by the first of June. German McCune has been appointed usher of the church, and also Alonzo Pitts. ....The following persons are on the sick list this week: Mrs. Pop Johnson, Alonzo Fry, Mrs. Henry Powers and Mrs. Flora Patterson....Chastine Mason, son of Rev. and Mrs. James Mason, has been issued $70 value on new Kimball piano in the store at 321 Fifth street, Springfield, Ill., I. G. King, manager....Mrs. Charles Reed and Miss Hattie Hearlston were Peoria visitors recently....The Friday Ladies' Art Club met recently with Mrs. Lydia Tinsley, on Hardin avenue. Each member brought a visitor, and a delightful time was enjoyed....Mrs. Ollie Brown has returned home from Hadley, Ill., where she was called on account of the death of her cousin, Mr. Walker....Quarterly meeting was held March 28 at the Bethel A. M. E. Chruch. Rev. Simeon, of Normal, Ill., preached an able sermon. The reports for the quarter were first class....Word was received recently from Miss Birge Bell, of Springfield, Ill., that she is seriously ill....Miss Burla Mason has a position at Herman's millinery store....Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wheeler have returned home. They attended Mr. Wheeler's brother's funeral at Quincy, Ill....Mrs. Edward Terry has returned home from Danville, Ill., where she went on account of the serious illness of her husband....Mrs. Hallie Earley Wheeler, of Hannibal, Mo., has returned home, after a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in our city.... Rev. H. H. DeWitt, of Philadelphia, Pa., preached an able sermon at Mt. Emery Baptist Church Sunday morning, April 4, and also preached able sermons at the Second Baptist Church and at the Bethel A. M. E. Church....Mrs. Samuel Williams, of South Ebey street, who has been quite ill, is no better....The Dorcas Club met recently with Rev. Mrs. James Mason, and was royally entertained....Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Carter and son Haynes left recently for Lawrenceburg, Tenn., to live. ....Mrs. Charles's family has been very ill....Austin Carter, superior of the Twelfth District, was called recently to Chicago, Ill., to meet the State Board of Illinois and Wisconsin, and had a successful meeting and a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery.

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# SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

## SCRAPS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD

By Harry W. Jackson.

The Detroit Tigers played the Indians last week.

Why don't you challenge Johnson? Everybody else is.

Americus picked Yussiff Mahmout to win over Frank Gotch.

Governor Hughes vs. New York "fight clubs." Finished bout.

Spring football practice at several of the colleges has begun in earnest.

Jimmy Barry lost to Sandy Ferguson on a foul last week at the Chicago Armory A. C.

Hugh McIntosh, the Australian fight promoter, is in America trying to clinch a match.

Wouldn't it be an awful mix-up with all of these challengers of the heavy divisions in a battle royal?

Alfred Shrubb and Henri St. Yyes are matched for a middle-distance race, May 1, in Buffalo, N. Y., for a purse of $5,000.

Jack Blackburn, who is under arrest in Philadelphia, charged with murder, will be tendered a benefit in the near future, in which many boxers will appear.

The ways and means committee of the General Assembly of Tennessee has decided to impose a tax of $500 on boxing clubs. By the county and city each making a little tax, the fight promoters say that the annual license will be $1,500.

Henri St. Yves, a French table waiter not yet twenty-one years old, is now the champion Marathoner of the world. His recent victory over Dorando, Shrubb, Longboat, Hayes and Maloney at New York pronounced him the greatest distance runner in the world.

Although it is said that Tommy Burns is desirous to meet Johnson again in the roped equare, the London papers say that he would rather mee Sam Langford and is matched to fight him. It is really a question difficult to answer as to who is matched, but what about this? Burns wants to fight Langford; Langford wants to fight Ketchell; Ketchell, Johnson; Johnson, Jeffries; and Jeffries—well, he's not particular about fighting at all.

## FROM DALLAS, TEX.

Sh-sh-sh! There's talk of a ladies' team.

"Rube" Foster at one time played ball here.

Manager Thomas H. Walker has the Cubs hard at it.

The K. of P. and Odd Fellows have organized teams.

Have you joined the Rootorial Club? The only requirement is good lungs.

News of the baseball games and players may be left at J. G. Griffin's, 190 Main street.

Amateur teams of Queen City, Frogtown, Stringtown, South End and Oak Cliff will keep the sphere hot this season.

A big delegation of fans will go to Fort Worth to witness the Leland Giants-McGar's Wonders games, which begin to-morrow and continue three days.

We will have an opportunity to see the famous box artist, Andrew "Rube" Foster and his fellow team mates when the Leland Giants play here, April 24, 25, 26.

The sporting editor on the Daily Metropolitan would like to hear from Horace Porter, Jasper Crutchfield, Charles Cooper, Alexander Davis, Jake Ward, Tree Winn, Zip Wesley, Rufus Green, Toney Brown and other managers.

## DETERMINED TO BE CHAMPIONS OF THE SOUTH

### Ed Lancaster, Manager of the Louisville (Ky.) Giants, Opens Season with Champions of Indiana "Semi-Profs."

LOUISVILLE.—Manager Ed Lancaster, of the Louisville Giants, states that his warriors are in perfect shape, and that he is willing to put them up against any team in the country. So determined is he to maintain the championship of the South that he says "it is next to impossible to lose that honor." The Giants played their first games of the season with the Atkins Saw Works team of Indianapolis. The following was the lineup:

Giants—Pugh, ss; Woods, cf; Walton, lf; Williams, rf; Carter, 3b; Brown, 2b; James, 1b; Sleet or Coleman, c; Hales, Croxton or Hall, p.

Atkins—Churchill, ss; Meyers, cf; Murphy, lf; Mitchel, rf; Doyle, 3b; Baerer, 2b; Chase, 1b; Cook or Harris, c; Milam, Avery or Croffke, p.

## "TERRIBLE" SAM CONFIDENT.

### Langford Believes He Could Defeat Johnson if Given a Chance.

NEW YORK.—Although Jack Johnson appears to assume that, because he has separated from his manager, all contracts made by Sam Fitzpatrick are abrogated, and gives that as a reason for not keeping his contract with the National Sporting Club of London for May 24, there is one man who does not believe that Johnosn is giving the true reason for canceling the engagement across the water.

That man is Sam Langford, who was the party of the second part in the articles of agreement, and who was to have been Johnson's vis-a-vis in the ring of the National Sporting Club. Langford expresses the emphatic opinion that Johnson has canceled the meeting at the British club for the sole reason that the present champion does not care to exchange wallops with him.

Langford points to the fact that when he and Johnson met some years ago he (Langford) weighed about 140 pounds to 200 for Johnson, and that the big fellow got so spirited a thumping from the smaller man that he has no further desire for a meeting.

Langford declares that he has now grown much heavier, and would enter the ring at about 170 pounds. At this weight he is confident he would be able to make it still more interesting for the champion.

In fact, Langford says he would defeat Johnson just as sure as they got into the ring together, and it would be the happiest moment of his life if he could face the holder of the heavyweight title.

Langford also is confident he could defeat Jeffries, and while he is not making a dead set at the former champion, would welcome a bout with the boilermaker.

As to Ketchell, Langford would like nothing better than to get the middleweight champion in the ring, and would accept a bout on any reasonable terms. A match between these two men is the logical one to settle the middleweight championship, and a strong effort will be made by the officials of the Marathon A. C. of Brooglyn to get the boxers together.

Langford has made great strides in the boxing game in the last few years. Always a hard, scientific hitter, he has gained in experience till he is to-day one of the most dangerous men in the ring.

A bout between Langord and Ketchell would furnish a great contest. Judged by the methods of the men, Langford would win through generalship, backed up by just as hard and more accurate punching than Ketchell can unhook.

## KETCHELL AND KAUFMAN MUST MEET FIRST

### Jack Johnson Says the Two Must Decide Between Themselves Which Will Fight Him.

NEW YORK.—Stanley Ketchell, middleweight champion, has been matched to box ten rounds with the heavy-hitting Sailor Burke at the Fairmount A. C. on April 30, the day before Sam Langford sails for England to keep his word with the National Sporting Club. But that does not mean that Ketchell and Langford will not meet in the ring between now and next fall. As a matter of fact, Ketchell is willing to make a match with Langford under any fair conditions. He believes the Boston slugger would be easy for him.

Ketchell's manager, Willus Britt, stands in the way. Britt says there is nothing to be gained by whipping Langford, but that Ketchell's real game is a fight with Jack Johnson. Britt believes that Johnson would be a much easier mark for Ketchell than Langford, and for that reason the middleweight champion's manager will insist upon getting some sort of recognition from Johnson, now that Jeffries has failed to cover Johnson's forfeit.

The time has arrived for Johnson to fight either Kaufman or Ketchell, each of whom has $5,000 posted with a stakeholder to bind a match. Johnson is on record as saying if Jeff did not come to the scratch with the above amount, he would consider anybody else who covered his money.

Kaufman, according to Delaney, was first on the spot with $5,000, but Britt says that he has a prior right to a match with the big champion because he covered a $1,000 forfeit put up by Johnson more than three weeks ago, which Jack increased to $5,000 over night. Because of this squabble between Delaney and Britt, however, Johnson is believed to be ready to get out of his present embarrassing predicament by saying that Kaufman and Ketchell must first meet to decide the question of supremacy, and that he will then make a batch with the winner.

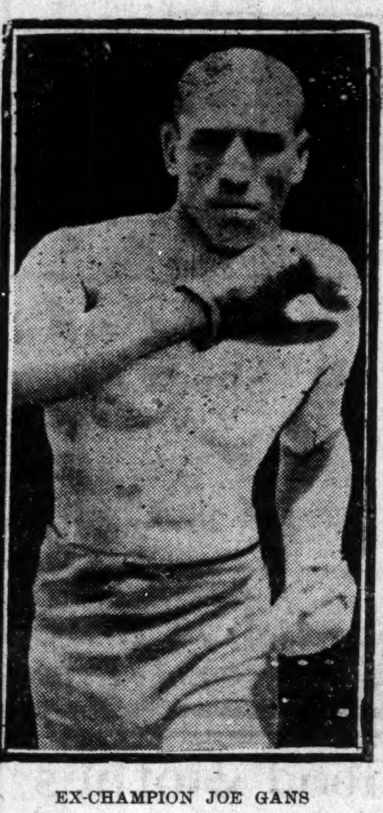
While Ketchell does not fear Kaufman, he thinks that the latter, before he is entitled to a match, should beat "Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien, who knocked Kaufman out in seventeen rounds several years ago. Ketchell and Britt say that if Kaufman can stop O'Brien inside of twenty rounds, as Ketchell did, they will take on Delaney's man.

## NOT A WHITE PLAGUE VICTIM.

### Wife of Ex-Champion Joe Gans Denies Circulating Report.

Special to The Freeman.

BALTIMORE, Md.—That Joe Gans has tuberculosis, for which report Charles White, the well-known prize fight referee, is responsible has been denied by Gans's wife, who says the ex-champion is not a victim of the great white plague. Mrs. Gans says that his physician says Joe is suffering from an attack of a heavy cold. She says that during his fight with Jabez White his seconds poured ice cold water on him, the result of which proved severe for Joe. Some business difficulties, which have become a burden on the ex-champion's mind, have caused him much worry, and his physician has recommended a good rest for him.



EX-CHAMPION JOE GANS

## GAME'S ON! LET'S HAVE THE NEWS.

We will be glad to receive all athletic or sporting news that you may send us. Let us keep in touch with your baseball team during the season, so the fans may know what you are doing. Don't let your city, town or community be behind the others. The sporting editor, Harry W. Jackson, would like to hear from the various baseball managers throughout the country.

## EAGLES TO PLAY 127 GAMES.

### New Orleans Boys Will Come to Indianapolis in July.

NEW ORLEANS.—The practice season is nearing a close, with everybody rounding up in fine shape. Prospects point to Harry North, Jim (Pardee) Williams, Marcus (Red) Vining and James (Sunny Jim) Hamilton as the pitching staff. The Eagles' route for their season, beginning May 1, will cover 3,691 miles. They will include in their trip Indianapolis. The following is their schedule:

Battieville, May 1, 2.
Lafayette, May 3.
Lake Charles, May 4.
Beaumont, May 5, 6, 7.
San Antonio, May 8, 9, 10.
Austin, May 15, 16, 17.
Fort Worth, May 22, 23, 24.
Dallas, May 29, 30, 31.
Greenville, June 1, 2, 3.
Shreveport, June 5, 6, 7.
Texarkana, June 8, 9, 10.
Hot Springs, June 12, 13, 14.
Pine Bluff, June 15, 16, 17.
Little Rock, June 19, 20, 21.
Fort Smith, June 22, 23, 24.
Joplin, June 26, 27, 28.
Pittsburg, Mo., June 29, 30, July 1.
Fort Scott, July 2, 3.
Kansas City, Mo., July 4, 5.
Topeka, Kan., July 6, 7, 8.
Lexington, Mo., July 9, 10.
St. Louis, Mo., July 11, 12, 13.
East St. Louis, Mo., July 14, 15, 16.
Chicago, Ill., July 17, 18, 19.
Danville, Ill., July 20, 21, 22.
Indianapolis, Ind., July 23, 24, 25.
Dayton, Ohio, July 26, 27, 28.
Cincinnati, Ohio, July 29, 30, 31.
Louisville, Ky., August 1, 2, 3.
Columbus, Ohio, August 4, 5, 6.
Pittsburg, Pa., August 7, 8, 9.
Harrisburg, Pa., August 10, 11.
Philadelphia, Pa., August 12, 13, 14.
Brooklyn, N. Y., August 15, 16, 17, 18.
Baltimore, Md., August 19, 20, 21.
Washington, D. C., August 23, 24, 25.
Richmond, Va., August 26, 27, 28.
Lynchburg, Va., August 29, 30, 31.
Charlotte, S. C., September 1, 2, 3.
Chattanooga, Tenn., September 4, 5, 6.
Nashville, Tenn., September 7, 8, 9.
Memphis, Tenn., September 10, 11, 12.
Birmingham, Ala., September 13, 14, 15.
Montgomery, Ala., September 16, 17, 18.
Mobile, Ala., September 20, 21, 22.

## WILL SAIL FOR EUROPE.

NEW YORK.—Jack Johnson will sail for Europe on May 17 to fill some music hall engagements in London, and says he has no intention of boxing Langford or any one else there. The champion reiterated his assertion that he had canceled all engagements made for him by his former manager, Sam Fitzpatrick, and these included a match with Langford at the National Sporting Club, London, May 24.

As Langford will also sail for England the latter part of this month, he and Johnson will meet there, and possibly a match may be arranged.

Johnson declares that Jeffries's failure to cover his forfeit showed conclusively where the former champion stood, and as for Ketchell, the middleweight champion should certainly have been willing to meet Kaufman as an earnest of his sincerity in asking for a bout with the heavyweight champion.

## HOW TO TRAIN FOR A MARATHON RACE

By Joe Forshaw.

In dealing with the subject of training for a distance race, it must be borne in mind that conditions are different with each individual; so no hard and fast rule can be laid down. There are, however, a few cardinal points that should be adhered to.

Do not run in a thin running suit in cold weather; the body must be warm to get the best results.

Do not let any one throw water all over you when running; if hot, sponge the head and back of the neck only, and for this purpose bay rum is better than water, as it evaporates rapidly and produces a cool sensation.

If the weather is very hot, wear some small head covering. When excessively hot and sultry, as our climate in midsummer, I would run but little, and that in the morning or evening.

Don't take violent exercise after a meal; wait until at least three hours after.

If I was to start in a race at noon, breakfast would be my last meal before it.

Do not enter in races without any training.

Eat plenty of good, nourishing food, leaving off pastry and heavy food, which is hard to digest and from which only slight nourishment is derived.

Dont' take ice-cold baths in the winter time, and if it is cold weather get in warm, dry clothes after thoroughly drying yourself after a run.

Plenty of walking, with deep breathing, is excellent training for running.

Wear good-fitting, easy shoes, on the order of a gymnasium or bowling shoe. See that it has the very minimum of rough edges on the inside, and have them well broken in by walking and wearing around before attempting to run a long race in them. Never under any circumstances enter a race in new shoes.

In a race never stop to get rubbed down, or to change shoes, and never drop into a walk if you are able to keep running at all, no matter how slow, as the chances are you will not get going again.

A splendid thing to prevent blistering and sore feet is to get a little mutton or beef tallow and have it rendered, pouring off into a vessel lige a baking powder can cover. This will harden into a little cake. Rub it thoroughly on the socks, and after you have been running a while it will soften and reduce the friction to a minimum.

Get plenty of sound sleep, as it is the greatest strength producer of all. And get in the habit of going to bed and arising at a certain time. Have regular hours and keep them. The same applies to eating; take your meals at the same time each day, if possible, and don't eat between times.

Do not drink water before staring to run or immeditely after you finish. It is liable to upset your stomach.

Do not eat or drink any kind of food or stimulant during a race, for it will absolutely do you no good.

If your mouth becomes parched or dry, moisten with a little water; but don't drink the water—simply moisten the mouth with it.

Run your own race independent of the other fellow. Go at a pace suited to yourself, knowing that you will be able to go the full route. Don't try to hang on to some boy who possibly only intends to lead the field past a certain point. And don't give up while you are able to continue; remember, the man in front is as tired as you are, and may give up the struggle before the end.

If you want to be a runner, you must lead a clean and temperate life. Do not smoke, drink or chew.

## STILL ON EARTH.

### Tommy Burns Makes a Noise Like Fighting Johnson Again.

NEW YORK.—Tommy Burns, from whom Jack Johnson wrested the heavyweight championship of the world, is anxious for another fight with the new champion.

Hugh McIntosh, who promoted the Johnson-Burns fight and since has assumed the management of Burns, has announced that he has been authorized in a cablegram from Burns to arrange for a return match with Johnson. He said he would post $5,000 to bind such a match. Burns, he declared, was willing to fight Johnson anywhere in Australia, America, England or France, and on any terms.

If Johnson does not accept, McIntosh said, Burns would fight Ketchell or Kaufman, but certain terms, which he would not make public at present, would have to be complied with by the two last-named fighters.

## LANGFORD BEATS WILLE.

### Didn't Last Two Rounds with Bostonian—Short Right Did It.

PHILADELPHIA.—With a short right to the jaw, which carried more than the usual amount of steam, Sam Langford put John Wille, of Chicago, away in the second round at the National Athletic Club, April 5.

Langford took the aggressive side from the opening gong, and landed almost at will. Wille could not get set.

After sparring a few seconds in the second round, Langford caught an opening and sent over the short right, which did not travel more than eight or ten inches.

Wille fell flat on his face, and, although he was able to rise to one knee while the referee was doing the counting, he could not get up on his feet, and the ten was tolied off.

Wille was dazed, and had to be led to his corner by his seconds.

## Race Don't Read Race Papers

Special to The Freeman.

Many of the so-called "big" Negroes never buy a Negro paper, or even read a race journal of any kind. On the other hand, they subscribe to a daily paper from the white man. A Negro paper never finds the way to their home. The white paper will never employ a Negro as a printer; no, not even as a janitor. In fact, the average Negro doesn't read enough. He is ignorant of the doings of the race, spending most of his time reading papers of the other race. Then when he reads a Negro paper, it is one that he borrowed from some good, thinking Negro, and he will never return it.

I trust they will awake to their sense of duty and read more Negro literature, and be better informed of the doings of the race. Set aside a few cents each week for a Negro paper, or subscribe. The Negro press is the only avenue through which we can defend our race from the powerful white press. Don't worry; the white paper will be looked after. It is your duty to patronize the Negro paper in preference to any other, and you can not deny it. You can visit hundreds of Negro homes and not find one that reads or subscribes for a Negro paper. Yet yau can see the little white youth throwing a daily paper in the yard every day, and the collector on Sunday. This is murdering the Negro press in the most shameful manner. Suppose your own boy aspires to be a printer, where will he go?

These Negro enterprises must be looked after more than they have in the past, if you want your son or daughter to be more than a common servant. Instead of sending missionaries to foreign lands, remember the many thousands of Negroes that are ignorant of the doings of the race. How will we reach them if they never read, will not go to church, and will not welcome a Negro paper?

E. P. FAGAN,
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## GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Anhie Hasken is able to be up again, after a severe illness with throat trouble....W. M. Tave was off duty last week on account of illness....Riley Wright is now cooking at the Cozy Corner Cafe....J. S. Elmore came near putting out his eye by hitting it with his whip....Mrs. Effie Cradock is somewhat improved. ....Mrs. Beatrice Owens is on the sick list....Elbert Burnett was in Waco last week....Mrs. Millie Hollowman was in Dallas last week....W. W. White and daughter were at Sulphur Sunday to see his wife....Mrs. J. A. Linley invites everybody out to College Hill to attend her literary, recently organized, Thursday evening, between 3 and 4 o'clock....Jesse Denison seriously stabbed his wife twice, once in the shoulder and once in the abdomen, at the home of her brother, Wash Johnson. She was sitting in a rocking chair, sewing, at the time, and did not know her husband intended to do her any harm. He is now in the county bastile. ....Carl Vance has bought a lot in Northtown....Mrs. Daisy Han, who was seriously cut about the face, is able to be out. ....Mr. L. Dulke has moved his office to the Odd Fellows' Hall....Prof. T. W. Pratt's house was blown from off the blocks, Saturday, and very badly damaged. He had just gotten it moved and placed for remodeling when it was blown down....East Hill was defeated by Boss High School Friday....Jas. Jefferson has sold his swell barber shop to Prof. T. W. Pratt and brother, Wash Pratt, and have moved it to West Lee street, the famous resort of G. W. Stinson, who has gone out of business. Jim Hasken and Henry Veals will occupy the rest of the building, and in the near future open up for business. Prof. Pratt has retained the services of W. C. Martin....A. B. Culberson now occupies the old stand of Jas. Jefferson, on South Wright street....The Order of the Eastern Star of Bryant Lodge, Greenville, held their annual sermon Sunday, at Warren Chapel M. E. Church. Mrs. M. S. Atckinson read an excellent paper and Miss L. D. Lawson sang a sweet solo, as usual. T. W. Pratt presided....Rev. W. J. King will preach the Odd Fellows' sermon this year....That famous left-hand southpaw, Mr. Ned Walker, is in the city, and will do slab work for Greenville.

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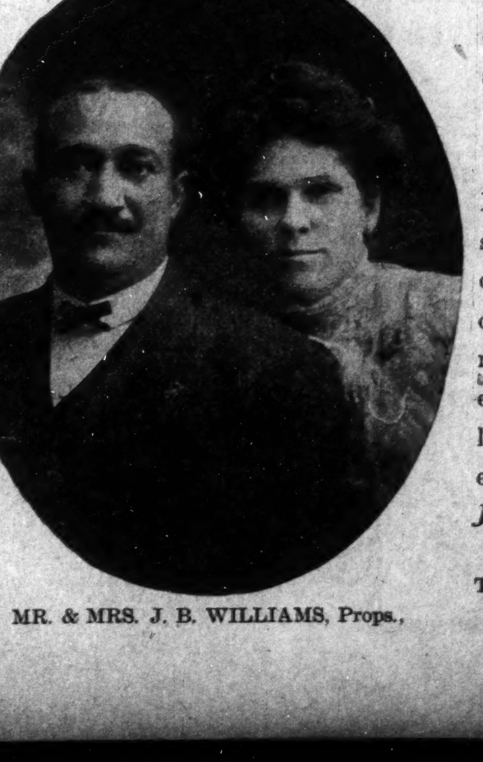

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## CITY AND SOCIETY.

Charles Fossett, of Muncie, was in the city during the wek.

Mr. Sidney Kirk, late of Richards and Pringles' Minstrels, is in the city.

R. B. Sommers, of Cleveland, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Gardner.

Mrs. Julia Turner, of Peru, Ind., was the guest of Mrs. Blanche Cook, Tuesday.

Mr. O. C. Gilmore, of Birmingham, Ala., is in the city, with a view of locating.

G. Mamon Reese, of 792 Center street, after an illness of three months, is able to be out again.

H. M. Morgan, of Chicago, visited his mother, Mrs. Ellington, in Alvord street, last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary E. Wilson, the evangelist, spent last week in the city. She left Monday for Fort Wayne.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Ward, Wednesday, April 14, a fine boy. Mother and child doing well.

The "Uthers" Club, composed of a number of young society women, gave a party at Odd Fellows' Hall last night.

Rev. Frank G. Brookins, pastor of Corinthian Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., preached at Shiloh Church in this city.

Rec. G. H. Shaffer is preparing to go to New York to meet the Home and Foreign Missionary Board, which meets May 12.

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Mrs. Etta Turner, of West Thirteenth street, entertained at whist, Thursday, in honor of Mrs. Ada Jenkins, of Washington, D. C.

Rev. Neil McPherson, of the Tabernacle Church, will address the Ethical Culture Society at Robert Gould Shaw School, Sunday, at 4 p. m.

The annual sermon of the Daughters of Charity will take place at Jones Tabernacle, Sunday, April 25, instead of tomorrow, the 18th, as formerly announced.

Mr. C. C. Stewart, who was recently elected constable at Danville, Ill., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Curry, in West Michigan street, the first of the week.

All members of the Sixth Ward Republican Workers' Club are requested to be present Tuesday evening. Business of importance. By order of the president, A. A. Nichols.

Mesdames Alice Grysell and Lena Stone have been elected delegates from the Woman's Club to the State Federation, which meets at Kokomo the last Wednesday in May.

The Rev. H. J. Callis will got to Evansville Sunday to dedicate a new A. M. E. Zion church in that city. Rev. Todd will preach at Jones Tabernacle Sunday morning.

Bethel Gleaners will meet with Mrs. Mayme Gardner, 785 Center street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Parents of the children are specially invited to meet with them.

Mrs. Sadie B. Dungey, grand worthy counselor of the Court of Calanthe, jurisdiction of Indiana, was in Franklin, Frankfort and Shelbyville on official business this week.

Quarterly meeting will be held at Caldwell Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Haughville, to-morrow. Rev. H. Campbell will preach at 11 a. m., Rev. J. M. Davis, B. D., at 3:30 p. m. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mahoney, of St. Louis, Mo., have moved to Indianapolis for permanent residence. Miss Gertrude A. Mahoney is making her home with them at 1222 North Capitol avenue.

Henry Seaton, sixty-five years old, died Saturday of cerebral hemorrhage. His funeral was held at Jones Tabernacle, Tuesday. Martin R. Delaney Post and the United Brothers, of which he was a member, attended in a body.

Bishop Grant, accompanied by Rev. J. R. Ransom, presiding elder of the Topeka (Kan.) District, will stop over in the city en route to Washington, D. C., to meet the financial board of the A. M. E. Church, which holds a meeting at that place.

The "Delphic" Circle will meet next Tuesday evening with Mrs. Harriett Kelley, 807 Camp street. Lewis Clark will read a paper, subject, "The Social Idea, in Conflict with Anti-Social Institutions." Miss Marion Curtis will also read a paper. Flora Harper will be querist.

The Beechums, Charles and Blanche, Elvies Mason, Billy May, James L. Hall and Tony Barefield, members of the Lowery-Morgan Minstrel aggregation, are in the city this week, previous to opening their engagement with the Wallace-Hagenbeck Circus, which begins April 24.

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The Woman's Club of this city was elaborately entertained Monday at the pretty home of Mrs. Belle Davis, 909 North West street. Mrs. Davis is a member of the club, and, having returned only Saturday from spending three months at Mobile, Ala., for the benefit of her health, the affair had been arranged by her family as a sore of "home-coming" welcome, in connection with the club meeting, at the close of which short talks were made by Rev. H. J. Callis, W. R. Valentine, and Mesdames Davis and Stone, who accompanied her on her trip, gave interesting accounts of their observations. Dainty refreshments were served.

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Tickets are selling rapidly for the "Hiawatha" entertainment to be given at Caleb Mills Hall, April 29. Word has been received of a number of theater parties being made up in neighboring towns who will attend. The participants are perfecting the characters they will assume, and a finished production of the drama is asured. Much care is being given the costuming of the play, and a realistic garb of genuine Indians will be worn, catchy Indian songs will be sung, and the musical feature is one well worth going a long distance to hear. The prices are surprisingly low, when the cost of the production is considered, and an unusually large attendance is expected.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The third of the series of confidential talks which are being held in the Association building on Sundays will be given by Dr. A. H. Wilson, and another packed house is expected. These talks are extremely interesting and educational to men. Dr. Hummons' talk last Sunday was very instructive. Dr. Wilson's subject will be "The Prevention and Control of Veneral Disease." The meeting is held in the Colored Y. M. C. A. building, corner West North and California streets, at 3:30 p. m., and is open to all men over sixteen years of age. Music by the Colored Y. M. C. A. Orchestra.

The regular gymnasium classes will close on next Monday evening, when a grand exhibition of class work will be given by the senior class, and the final game in the Association championship basketball tournament between, the "Whites" and Blacks," who are tied for first place. This game and the exhibition will furnish an evening of pleasure that can not be duplicated. Women as well as men will be admitted, and a small admission fee will be charged.

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## NORD ALEXIS, EX-PRESIDENT OF HAYTI, WILL VISIT THE FREEMAN WHEN IN AMERICA.

James Julius Turner, now visiting in Kingston, Jamaica, writing to this office, spoke of seeing Nord Alexis, ex-President of Hayti, now an exile in that city. He says that he is the blackest man in the world. In his conversation with him Mr. Turner spoke of THE FREEMAN office. He was very much interested, and says that he will visit this office about June 25 of the present year.

Nord Alexis will be the guest of Mr. Turner, and with whom he will visit this city. We take pleasure in making the announcement, relying on our friend, Mr. Turner, for the correctness of the information. We are satisfied Indianapolis will show the venerable Negro ex-President every courtesy due a distinguished man. In this the citizens will doubtless feel that he has lost nothing but office. That quality, those qualities that made him, are yet his; he has suffered at the hands of a capricious people, who may have a similar fate reserved for the new President, if there is anything in custom or precedent.

If he comes to Indianapolis, the citizens will admire him for what he has been—the President of the greatest Negro government, the land of L'Overture, where, amid the years of sloth, some sign of acknowledgment of civilization is, and where, if the sign is read aright, will be heard the hum, felt the thrill and the stir of industry reverberating through the land, making for a nation equalness ta its potentiality. When he comes, may the Negro citizens honor the blackest man in the world as if he were the whitest man in the world, if he has done no more than attempt to defend his own.

## SUMNER LEAGUE MINSTRELS.

### Performers Please a Large Audience in Tomlinson Hall.

The Sumner League, regarded as the leading colored Republican organization in the State, gave the third of its annual minstrel shows at Tomlinson Hall, Monday evening. The audience, in which there were many white persons, filled the hall. The program opened with about seventy of the league members in evening dress, each wearing a pink carnation, occupying seats on the stage. The end men, Ben Young, Ben Holliman, Philip Lytle, Thomas Dardon, George Leslie, Frank Price, Luther Thompson and Alex. Hunt, wore minstrel costumes. James N. Shelton was interlocutor.

The first part of the program consisted of jokes by the end men; solos by George David, who gave "If Dreams Come True with You and I;" "Dixie Land," by Hayes Wilson, and "Down Among the Sugar Cane," by George Leslie and Alex. Hunt. A feature of the first part was the singing of a quartet, and the singing of "If You Want to Pick a Fuss, Wait Till the Sun Shines," by Ben Holliman, and "Take Your Hands Away," by Ben Young. The entire company joined in the finale.

The second part opened with a representation of the interior of the club's home, with tastily furnished parlor, with members seated in rocking chairsand on divans. Master Paul Bass, the boy soloist, gave a number, and Hunt and Crosby appeared in an original sketch. George Leslie made a hit in his imitation of Bert Williams, of Williams and Walker, in his latest song, "Drinking." A solo was given by Miss Hagar Temple, an original sketch by Hilliman and Young, and an "old man" impersonation by Thomas Dardon. The program given Monday night is regarded as the best in the series. The program was under the direction of George David. Charles Humble is president of the club.

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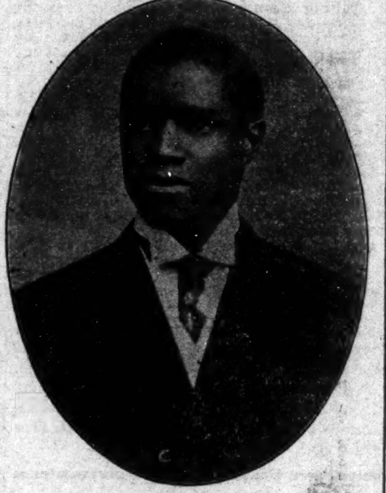

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